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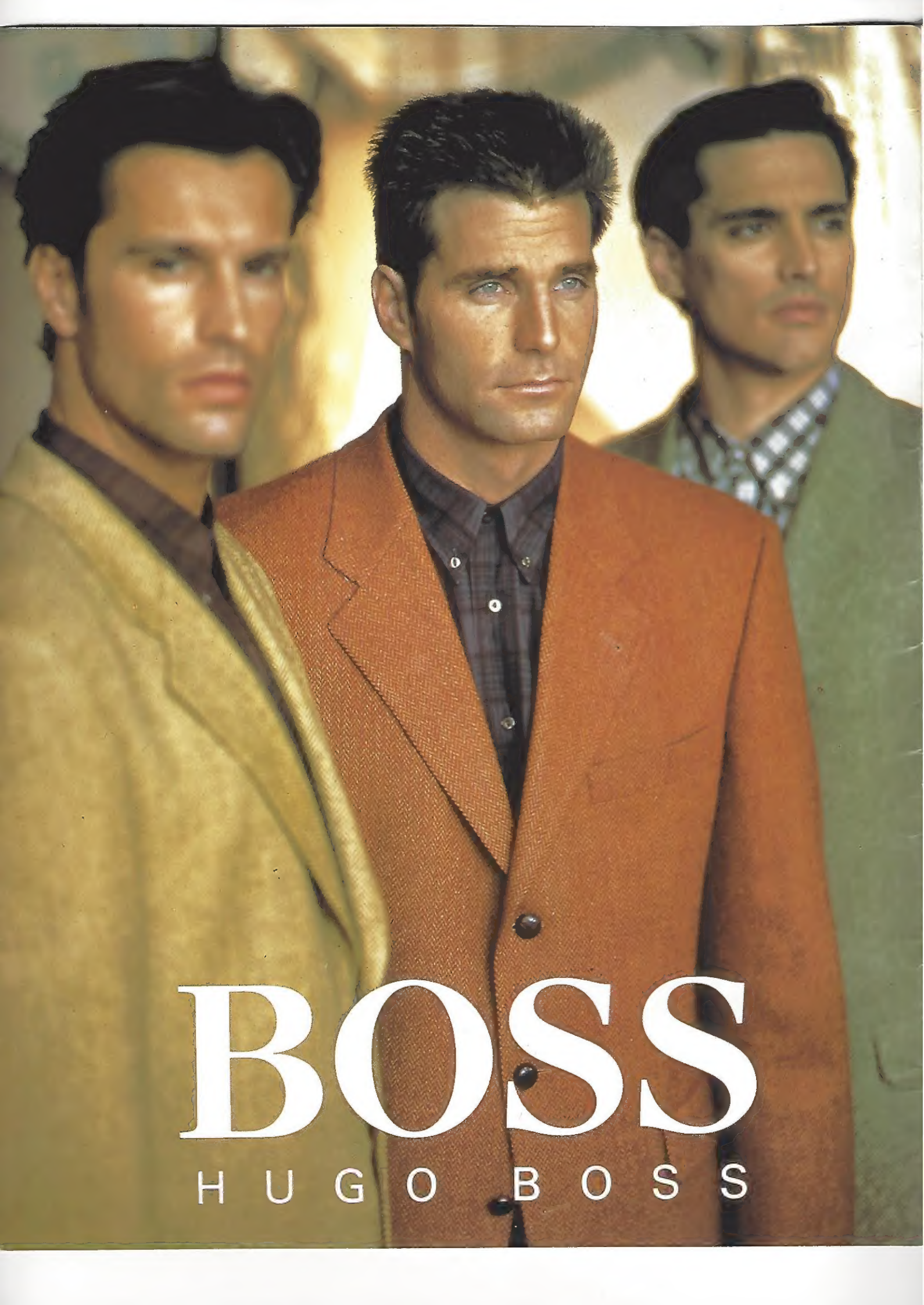
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He's blonde, talented and aggressive. He's Marconi-Fairfield's inspiring young star Glen Johnson - one of the reasons for the club's success this season.

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EDITORIAL



We promised you it would be big and it certainly is shaping up that way. It's all systems go to the kick-off for the VII World Youth Championship for the FIFA/COCA-COLA Cup.

This issue of SOCCER AUSTRALIA includes a 12-page souvenir special of the tournament, the biggest sporting event in Australia this year. But our coverage does not end there.

SOCCER AUSTRALIA will be at all the venues to bring you full colour action coverage of the tournament in our April magazine.

As part of the continuing build up, Australia Post has issued special commemorative envelopes to mark the Championship. See page six.

Also in this issue, FIFA General Secretary Sepp Blatter talks about the "new rules" which will be introduced for the Tournament.

There's also a unique opportunity to give your personal support to the development of soccer in Australia. Read the brochure in this issue carefully to see how you can get behind the drive to make the world's most popular sport even more successful in Australia. There are plenty of benefits for foundation members of Australian Soccer Supporters Club.

We have extended the closing date for the Ned Zelic Goal-den boots competition which we promoted in last month's issue.

The wrong closing date was published, therefore here is your chance to send your entry. For the readers who want to have their say about soccer topics, we have launched our own letters page.

Finally, we at SOCCER AUSTRALIA take this opportunity to wish the 400 players, 500 media representatives, 70 FIFA delegates and thousands of spectators all the best for the VII World Youth Championship for the FIFA/COCA-COLA Cup.

A special mention to coach Les Scheinflug, captain Kevin Muscat and the squad.

C'mon AUSTRALIA, LET's show the world.

Ettore Flacco

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Sue sings soccer's praises

I am a recent convert to soccer after years of following Rugby League.

This interest is entirely due to the achievements of the Coca-Cola Olyroos in Barcelona.

It is disappointing, however, that so many of the players are now based in Europe but hopefully, through your magazine and the "On the Ball" show we will be able to keep informed of their progress.

I have a couple of questions you may be able to answer.

I wonder if it is possible to obtain a copy of the photograph of the Coca-Cola Olyroos on the front cover of your November issue?

Is there any magazine which was released on the Coca-Cola Olyroos?

**Sue Bellamy,
Baulkham Hills, 2153, NSW.**

Yes to both questions Sue and thanks for your generous comments. Turn to page 48 of this issue and you will read how you can buy one of those Coca-Cola Olyroo posters. They are becoming real collectors' items.

Secondly, we at World Soccer Pty Ltd, produced a magazine Barcelona '92 for the Olympics which gave a comprehensive coverage of the Coca-Cola Olyroos.

By George, we're great

What a beautifully produced magazine. The code needs a publication like this. I still think it should be Football Australia (not Soccer Australia). Cec Bucello (ASF Marketing Manager) put me onto your magazine, which I found at the Alstonville newsagency (December issue).

Les Murray will contact you about the 7th World Youth Championship 1993 pre-stamped envelope which will be issued by Australia Post on 14/1/93.

Mint (uncancelled) copies will be available until 31-5-93. Maybe you could get an advertisement and/or story. Please enter me as a subscriber.

George Green, Alstonville, 2477, NSW.

Thanks for your comments and advice, George. Over the page you can read more about the special Australia Post issue.

Tassie Congratulations

Congratulations Soccer Australia! It's about time the truly World Game had a magazine of the quality of Soccer Australia. Not only are the articles interesting and informative but I am most impressed with the quality of the magazine's production. It's great to



see a magazine that is brave enough to survive on Australian content, and not trying to piggyback its way to success on the back of European or British soccer. Also being a Tasmanian, It's a great way to keep in touch with the Coca-Cola Soccer League and the National Teams.

Soccer is booming in Tasmania, particularly amongst the young kids and this type of magazine will allow them to have the heroes that all kids want. I rang the Australian Soccer Federation to congratulate them, but they said that the magazine was independent but that they fully supported it. They supported to the extent that it gets sent to every club in Australia.

I hope that people get behind the magazine and its advertisers and support it so that it doesn't go the way of previous magazines and fade away.

Obviously, being a bit biased, i would like to see a special featuring on Tasmanian Soccer, we've got some great players down here and unfortunately we lose the best ones to the mainland. Very few people know that Luchi Fabrizio, Carlos Ambrosino, Angelo Ambrosino, Ibro Cahut, David Clarkson, Kurt Reynolds and of course Dominic Longo (of Olyroo fame) are all kids bought up in Tasmania. In fact, Kurt Reynolds, and Dominic longo were captains of Australian Youth Teams in the 1987 and 1989 FIFA Coca-Cola World Youth Cup Teams. So, once again congratulations on a great magazine and lets hope we see a Tasmanian Feature.

Patrick Kerr
Hobart.

Daniel scoops the pool

Nine-year-old Daniel Nicotra from Frenchs Forest in NSW is now the proud owner of an original Coca-Cola Olyroo shirt as worn by the lads in Barcelona.

Daniel's name was drawn out by Adidas promotions manager Jim Tansey. We were all delighted at SOCCER AUSTRALIA with the response to the competition.

And we're sure the shirt featured prominently in the list of presents young Daniel received this Christmas.

Ten runners-up each receive a Coca-Cola gift pack.

They are: Emmanuel Pappas, of Strathmore 3041; Robert Bufton of Thornlie, WA, 6108; Sue Bellamy of Baulkham Hills, 2153; Chris Hendry, of Bega NSW, 2550; Lucas Ellis, of Snake Valley, 3351; Brendan O'Connor, of Redlynch, 4870; John Hernandez, of Para Hills West, SA, 5096; Wade Lange, of Toowoomba, 4350; Daniel Pete, of St Albans, 3021; and David Paine, of Denistone, 2114.



Doug Booth (left) of the Herald-Sun in Melbourne with Jim Tansey, Promotions Manager Adidas, holding the winning entry for the original Coca-Cola Olyroo shirt in the November issue of "Soccer Australia".



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The VII Youth World Championship for the FIFA/Coca-Cola Cup pre-stamped envelope design captures all the action of a successful shot for goal. It could be the beginning of a collection.

Many important sporting events have been the subject of pre-stamped envelope design over the last decade. Bowling Championships, the 100th Stawell Gift, Australia Woman's Hockey, the World Athletics Cup, World Veterans Games, World Rowing Championships and World Swimming Championships have all entered the philatelic pantheon of sporting issues.

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loving nation, stamps and postal stationery have regular featured designs with a sporting theme. The greatest sporting event of them all, the Olympic Games, has been commemorated on stamps in 1956, when Melbourne hosted them, in 1972 (Munich), 1976 (Montreal), 1984 (Los Angeles), 1988 (Seoul) and 1992 Olympics held in Barcelona. Designs were prepared for the Moscow games in 1980 but the stamps were not issued. Other major sporting events to feature on stamps have included the Centenary of Australia-England Test Cricket (1977) and the America's Cup Defence in 1987.

The Centenary of Sheffield Shield

Cricket was commemorated with two stamps at the beginning of the 1992/93 summer season. An aerogramme in 1962 marked the Commonwealth Games and in 1987 an aerogramme was part of the America's Cup commemoration.

Non-Olympic sports were the subject of a stamp issue in 1976, while fishing and skiing have also featured as special issues. In addition, sport has been the theme for the last three years for the entire range of low-denomination definitive stamps produced to meet ongoing postal requirements. Soccer features on the 90c stamp.

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READY SEPP GO!

By PETER DESIRA
soccer writer for the Herald-Sun
newspaper, Melbourne

Kick-ins will replace throw-ins, drawn matches will be decided by the first team that scores in extra time, up to six balls on call to be used when the match ball is kicked out of play and forwards to be given the advantage in passive offside situations.

These are the innovations we will see when Australia takes centre stage in world soccer during next month's World Youth Championship for the FIFA Coca-Cola Cup.

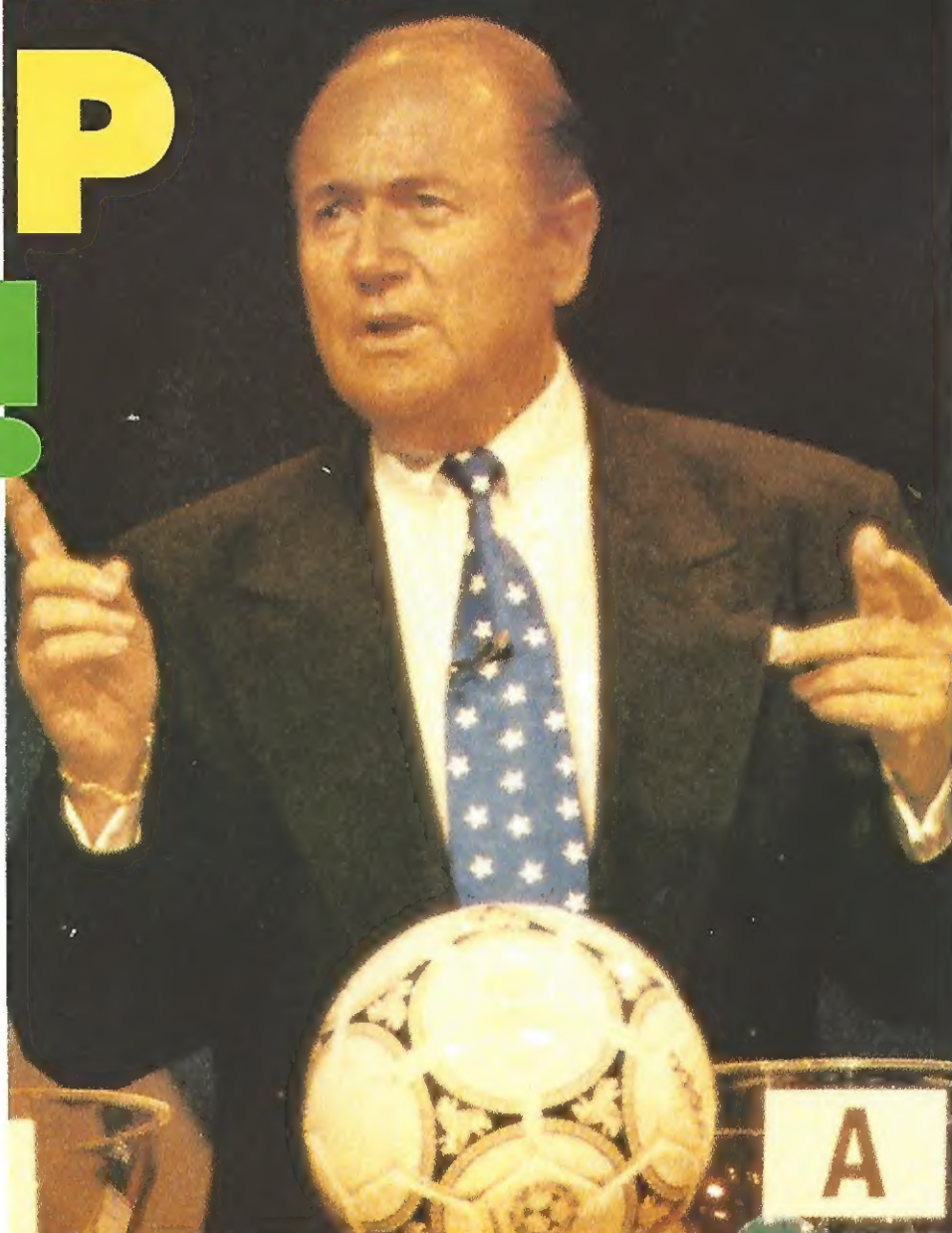
Australia has been charged with the responsibility of proving to the footballing world of the need to make positive changes to make the most popular game also the most entertaining with additional goals and a lot more scoring chances.

FIFA, soccer's world controlling body, has already started changing the laws of the game with the banning of goalkeepers handling backpasses, which has proved an enormous success in Europe.

Now Sepp Blatter, FIFA's very influential general secretary has targeted Australia for the next phase and is fervently hoping for success to enable some of the laws to be changed in time for the senior World Cup finals in the USA next year.

Blatter, who visited Australia for the FIFA Coca-Cola Cup draw, revealed that replacing the traditional throw-in with freekicks is one rule he is fervently trying to push.

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Sepp Blatter at the 7th World Youth Championship draw in Sydney

Speaking in an interview he gave to Les Murray for SBS's World Soccer program, Blatter said, "Replacing the throw-in with a kick, you will always be able to reach your opponents' half, thus creating better scoring opportunities. The same benefits of the throw-in will remain with offside not applying in such a situation.

"We experimented with possible amendment to the law last year in a youth tournament in Zurich. The first results make us

believe this will be a very good innovation for the future.

"The International Football Association Board needs to approve it but I am sure we will experiment with it in Australia and if it gives good results, we will also have it in Japan in the World Under 17s Championship in August.

"Regardless of what happens, this will not be implemented at universal level until after the 94 World Cup because we have

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already made some changes and the preliminary rounds are already well underway."

FIFA however has no such hesitation about using the sudden-death formula to decide drawn matches in extra time.

The new interpretation of the law states that should a match finish in a draw, the two teams shall play extra time and the winner will be the team that scores first. Should a result not be achieved in 30 minutes of extra time, the cup-tie will be decided with a penalty shootout.

"We had one opportunity to see this formula and the results have been encouraging.

"In the European Under 20s championship held in Germany for the qualification of the World Youth Championship finals, the final was decided by a goal scored by the Turkish team in extra time against the Portuguese team after seven minutes of extra time.

"We will test it in Australia for the second time because we believe it will put more emphasis on attacking football.

"It will stop teams from simply playing out time. In the past, teams have tended to protect the result because by going to the penalty shootout, a coach will never be blamed for losing a match because it is such a hazardous game at the end."

FIFA's general secretary admits that the penalty shootout is not the ideal solution to decide any match but says there is no better alternative available.

"Penalty shootouts are part of the laws of the game and it is better than the toss of a coin. With the introduction of the sudden death system, I think we can avoid a lot of penalty shootouts."

Blatter said FIFA has been aware of the negative aspects creeping into the game for a number of years but added that changing the laws is a slow process because of the conservative nature of the International Football Association Board. Britain has four representatives while the other four on the board are FIFA appointed personnel.

"We realised in 1986 in the Mexico World Cup that football was not the best. Fortunately the second phase knockout

system worked very well, but it was already obvious that football was suffering from two points: time wasting and referees not up to the standard," Blatter said.

"The 1990 World Cup brought further evidence but FIFA is a conservative body and to change and move something, it takes time.

"We met with opposition from the British Associations on the change of the backpass and that is why I'm happy that it's working.

"The banning of the backpass was perhaps my personal fight. We saw it implemented successfully in the World Under 17s Championship in Montecatini (Italy) in 1991 and the only reservation by our working group (named Taskforce 2000 by FIFA) was the difficulty in introducing it



worldwide at the same time.

"We finally got the six votes out of eight (on the International Football Association Board) and it was only in the first steps of the application that we met with some resistance from the coaching side.

"We saw some bad situations where

coaches instructed the players to kneel on the ball or knee the ball back, which was absolutely contrary to the spirit of the law. "But after, let's say two weeks, everybody got behind it and now we can say it has been accepted worldwide.

"The result is there is more football during the 90 minutes. Instead of between 45 to 53 minutes of actual play - which was the average for the big matches - now you go to 60 minutes of net time.

"When you have more time, you have more play and more scoring opportunities and you have more goals. It is evident in Germany but especially in Italy this year that you score a lot more goals." The introduction of six match balls available for use at any one time during a match is an extension of FIFA's near-obsession to reduce time-wasting.

"At the moment we play only with one match ball and when it's out, everybody has to wait. We should have five or six balls at least ready to bring in to avoid time wasting. We will definitely introduce this in Australia," Blatter said.

The feigning of injuries is another concern of FIFA.

"We have to be careful with play-acting on injuries. The danger is that one day a player may not be feigning injury and could turn into a serious casualty without immediate attention.

"But we do intend to introduce a better way of dealing with injuries in Australia. We already held a study in Hiroshima during the Asian Cup competition.

"The change is to have no treatment on the field. If a player is injured, there are stretchers going on the field with the team doctor accompanying. The player cannot re-enter immediately or he will be cautioned. It worked well in Japan because there was no more than two injuries requiring attention per match."

On the subject of referees, FIFA has already acted by lowering the age limit for referees to officiate at international level.

"The referee is the man under pressure, he has to run a bigger distance than any player and is doing it in different direction. Refs must be very strong and that is why we have brought the retiring age down," Blatter said.

"We now want to increase the participation and responsibility of linesmen especially in the application of the offside law.

"In the offside law, if an attacker is in line with a defender he is not supposed to be offside. But linesmen have been much too negative. It's like they have a trigger in the arm and in 50-50 situations they are still favoring the defending team.

"It's mainly because it's easier for the

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linesman, it's less risky, it's better that he stops an action rather than afterwards realising that something was wrong.

"This also concerns the passive offside. How many goals are cancelled because the linesman says this man was in an offside position even if he was in a passive position.

"The referee has the right to overrule but if the linesman is flagging, then nobody would understand if the referee allows the goal.

"The attitude of the linesmen must be changed and it can only be done if their teaching is improved. In most of the associations referees are not trained or instructed as specific linesman especially in offside, where it's important to understand offside applies on the departure of the ball not when it arrives. There is a gap and we have moved in by appointing an international linesmen panel as well as a refereeing panel."

Apart from the changes being experimented with in Australia, FIFA is also discussing the possibility of giving more points for a win.

"The Technical committee of FIFA met in October. We had top coaches like Graham Taylor of England, Andy Roxburgh of Scotland, Bertie Vogts of Germany, and Arrigo Sacchi of Italy, the former Swedish coach Arnesen, the Yugoslav head of the technical department and the Peruvian coach.

"They have explained that in a competition like the World Cup there should be a better reward than two points for a win. Surprisingly enough, Taylor was saying that four points would be better than three points in order to really give the incentive to win and avoid teams going out for dreary draws in group matches.

"It's now a subject that FIFA is studying in depth and a first report has already gone to the organising committee of the FIFA World Cup to see if it is worth adopting the regulations for the 1994 World Cup. We have until the World Cup draw on December 18, 1993 in Las Vegas to make a decision."

On the subject of the World Cup, FIFA's general secretary indicated that the Oceania Confederation could well be on its last legs - but gave assurances that Australia will get a fairer draw in future World Cup qualifiers. For the 1994 World Cup, Australia has to win the Oceania Group, play-off against the second placed team from Concacaf (out of Mexico, Canada, Honduras and El Salvador) and then play-off against the runner-up from Conmebol (made up of Argentina, Colombia, Peru and Paraguay).

"I wouldn't call it unfair, but it's not very easy or gentleman-like towards Australia,"

Blatter said.

"It's not the first time Australia has had to travel round the world for the qualifiers but I can assure you that this situation will not be repeated in the future.

"FIFA has had talks with the Asian Football Confederation to include the



winner of the Oceania group into Asia.

"Asia is bidding to have one more seat in the World Cup finals - they want to have three finals spots and incorporating Oceania with Asia could be one solution. "It will still be very difficult to convince one of the confederations like Europe to abandon one of its seats. A lot will depend on the results of the '94 World Cup but we have to face the fact that football is growing up and improving in different continents."

The Oceania Confederation comprises eight countries but has been dominated by Australia and New Zealand. It is by far the weakest of FIFA's confederations and does not have voting power in the decision making process.

Asked about Oceania's future, Blatter said, "In 1988, during the revision of our statutes, the congress was convinced to give Oceania until 1995 to improve the organisation and the football, to see if it can reach the recognition of a full confederation.

"As I see it now, it will be very, very diffi-

cult to get full confederation status because the only leading team of world level is Australia at Under 17, 20, or Olympic Games. I don't think I'm being detrimental to NZ by saying that."

Blatter believes that the best way for Australia to continue improving at world level is by introducing full professionalism for players in the National League.

"I know Australia has some 70 players playing professionally in Europe.

"This is exactly the same problem we are facing in African countries - an exodus of the best players going out of their region firstly because they are good footballers and secondly because they have better financial economical conditions than in their own countries - that's obvious.

"The only way to react to that is by improving football in their own country. It may not be possible in some of the African countries for economical reasons, but it should be possible in Australia to install a professional league - the players would then be retained not by force but by attractive contracts.

"It cannot be done in one day, it's a project which must be carefully worked upon. FIFA can give our expertise to the national association about how it can be done.

"The principle of our development programs is not to bring you the fish to eat but to teach you how to catch the fish.

"In Asia, where some countries have also had these problems, they are now creating professional leagues. The first one was started in South Korea 10 years ago, and from next year there will be professional leagues in Saudi Arabia, in Thailand, Indonesia, Malaysia and in Japan (starting next March).

"That in itself will benefit Australia. Even if Australia loses players to those leagues they will be playing in countries a lot closer to your country. The distance to Europe will always make it difficult to get back the players you need.

"It's still a good sign to have 70 players playing in Europe pro leagues, it means your football is good. Now something should be done to keep at least half of these players here in your league."

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THE 32 GAMES OF THE 7TH WORLD YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIP FOR THE FIFA

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Artist Charles Billich has earned world reputation. Some of his creations include "Cityscapes". They reflect a free juxtaposition of historic and modern architecture.

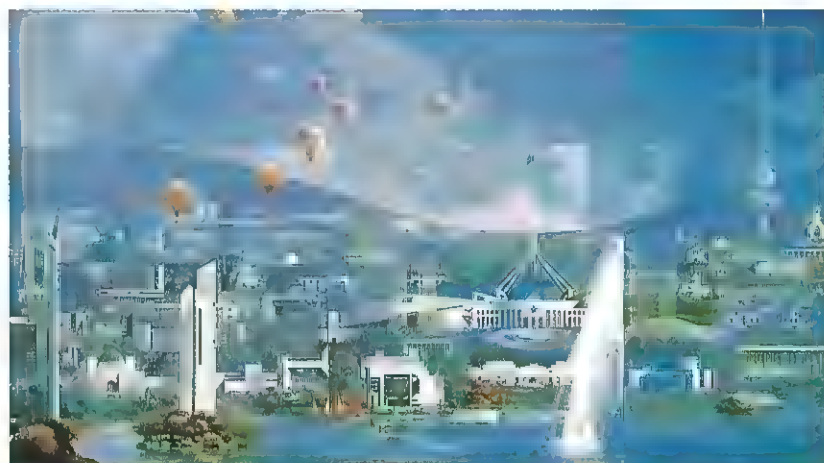
We take this opportunity of the World Youth Championship to present some of Billich's works with the five host cities to Australia's greatest sporting event. The VII World Youth Championship for the FIFA/Coca-Cola Cup.

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LES MURRAY RATES THE TEAMS

GROUP A

AUSTRALIA, COLOMBIA, RUSSIA, AFRICA 2

The Young Socceroos must be favoured to be at least one of the two teams to advance. They are already a good team and by the tournament's commencement their preparations will also be adequate. Add to that the home advantage and the renowned Aussie mental toughness and the home boys must be favourites.

Of the other three. I fancy Colombia. Russia is not one of Europe's most elite entrants and the Africans, though mysterious, may not have had enough time to prepare following their late qualification To qualify for the quarter finals:
AUSTRALIA AND COLOMBIA

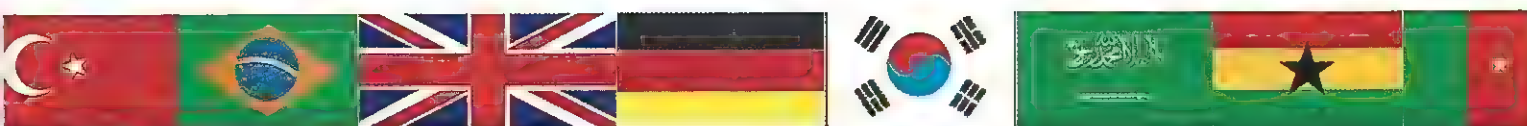
Russia



Africa 2



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Australia



*Back: (left to right) Ante Moric, Sean Cranney, Frank Tibaldi, Vince Matassa, Fabio Macolino, Vas Kalogeracos.
Front: (Left to right) Jim Tsekinis, Anthony Carbone, Kevin Muscat, Goran Lozanovski, Peter Tsekenis.*

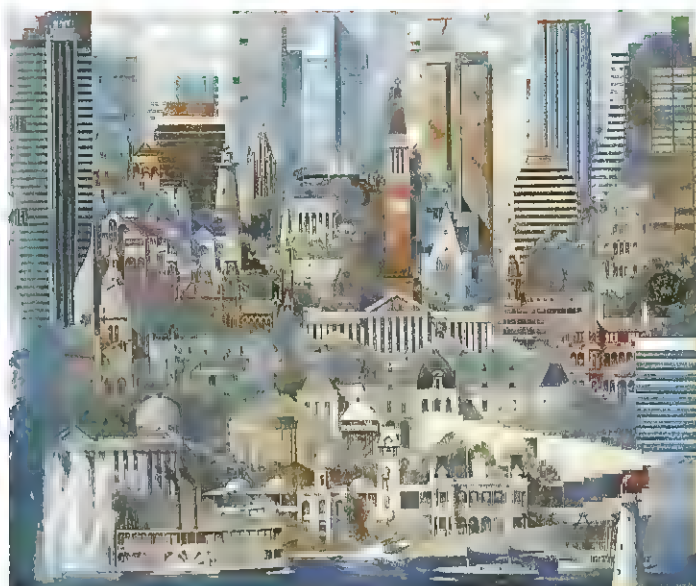
Colombia



*Back Row: Willmer Ortegón, Oscar Restrepo, Franky Oviedo, (Venezuelan "Mascot") Nixon Perea (Captain) Sadiel Guapacha, Daniel Velez, Luis Montoya (Coach)
Front row: Freddy Tierradentro, Francisco Mosquera, Leonardo Morena, John Garcia, Jerson Gonzalez.*



BRISBANE



Africa 1

BRISBANE BALLADE

PORTUGAL, GERMANY, URUGUAY, AFRICA 1

The Portuguese, winners of the previous two tournaments and so experienced at preparing youth teams, are my favourites. The Germans, we are told, do not have one of their better youth teams this time, the Africans will have preparation problems, so

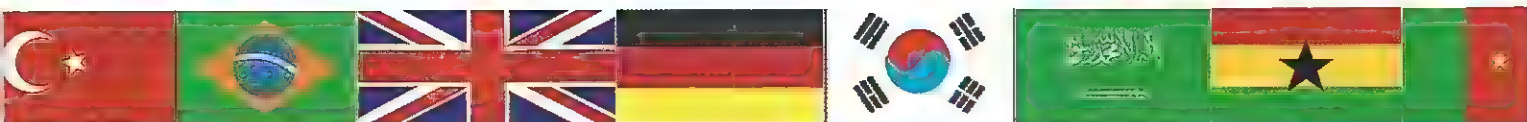
I favour Uruguay- one of the most consistent performers in this tournament to advance also.

To qualify for the quarter finals: PORTUGAL AND URUGUAY.

Portugal



The squad: Paulo Costinha, Nuno Santos, Paulo Morais, Hugo Costa, Nelson Morais, Vitor Cardoso, Pedro Henriques, Sergio, Marco, Eusebic, Litos, Idalecio, Reisinho, Nuno Afonso, Lui Andrade, Ricardo Nascimento, Paulo Ferreira, Kenedy, Zeca, Costa, Poejo, Sousa, Toto, Nilton, Bambo, Porfirio, Sérgio Ribeiro, Tonanha, Nuno Miguel, Sergio Conceicao.



Germany



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Uruguay

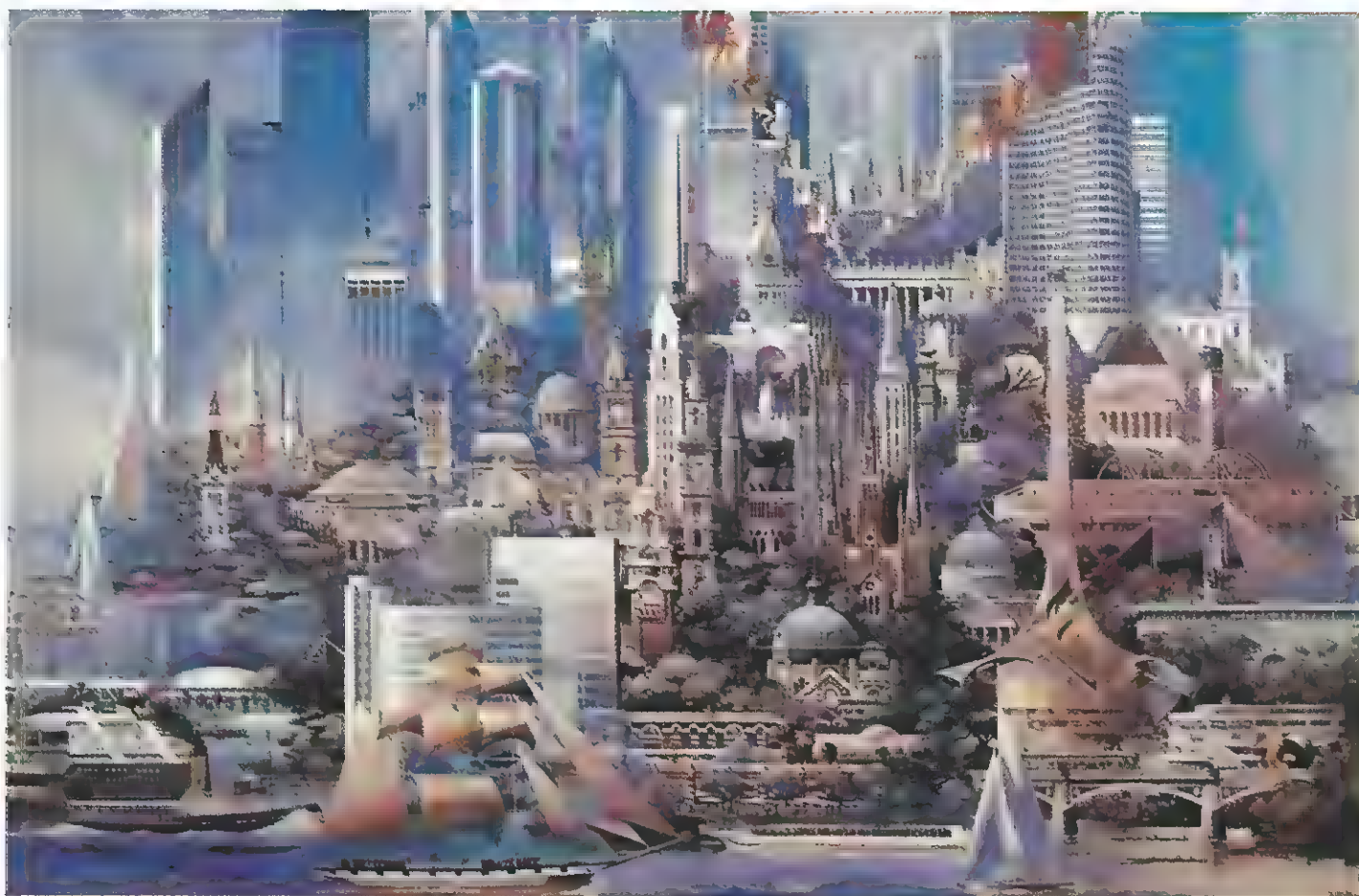


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GROUP C

KOREA, ENGLAND, TURKEY, USA

The Koreans have long shown they mean business and will be among the best prepared of the 16 teams. I favour them to advance along with Turkey, if only because they are European champions. The USA are still a bit "third world" while England, I expect, as

usual will not do well because their country tends not to take youth tournaments seriously enough.

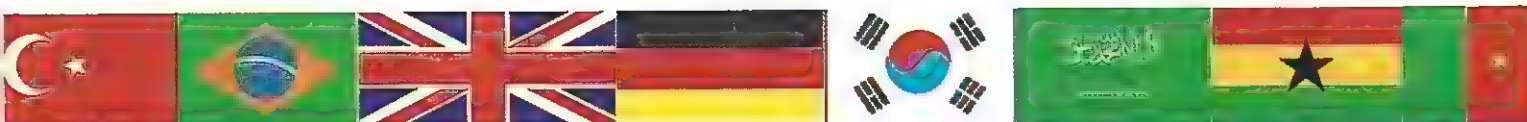
To qualify for the quarter finals:
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TURKEY





England



Back Row; (Left to Right): Andy Johnson, (Norwich City) Jamie Pollock, (Middlesbrough), Andy Marlow, (Tottenham Hotspur), Andy Myres, (Chelsea), Nicky Butt, (Manchester United), Trevor Berry, (Aston Villa).

Middle Row; (Left to Right): Adrian Mike, (Manchester City), Simon Sheppard, (Watford), David Watson, (Barnsley), Marvin Harriott, (Oldham Athletic).

Front Row; (Left to Right): Dominic Matteo, (Liverpool), David Unsworth, (Everton), Steve Watson, (Newcastle United), Darren Caskey, (Tottenham Hotspur), Alan Thompson, (Newcastle United), Ian Pearce, (Chelsea).

Coach Martin Hunter

Korea



The squad: Kim Hae-Woon, Choi Ik-Hyung, Kim Jin-Woo, Lee Ki-Hyung, Kim Jae-Shin, Lee Kyung-Soo, Jeonh Joo-Wan, Cho Jong-Hwa, Park Cheol, Yoo Sang-Soo, Cho Hyuh, Hwang Jae-Phil, Cho Hyun-Doo, Jeon Kyung-Jun, Kim Dae-Ui, Choi Sung-Yung, Cho Jin-Ho, Choi Yong-Soo, Cha Kwi-Hyun, Lee Ho-Seong, Seo Dong-Won, Head Coach: Park Sang-In.



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GROUP D

MEXICO, NORWAY, BRAZIL, SAUDI ARABIA

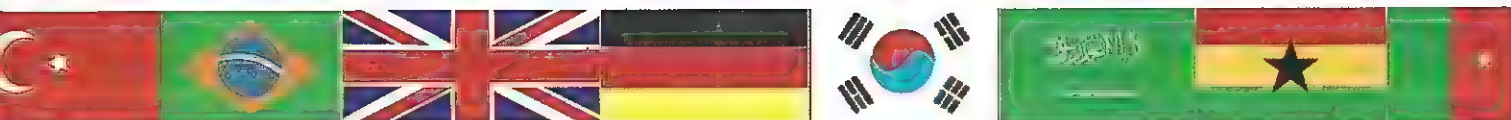
Brazil are tournament favourites, South American champions and should advance without any great difficulty. Mexico are good and well prepared, too but they tend to choke in big tournaments, as do

the Saudis. I fancy Norway, Europe's emerging football nation of our times, to join Brazil in the second phase of the tournament. To qualify for the quarter finals: **BRAZIL AND NORWAY.**

Mexico



Back Row; (Left to Right): Davino, Sanchez, Davino F, Maldonado, Castrejon, Gonzalez R, Solis, Munguia, Salazar, Sanchez.
Front Row; (Left to Right): Sol, Villalobos, Olalde, Amante, Guadarrama, Ramirez, Resendiz, Garcia R.
Coach: Carlos Nunez, Corona.



Brazil



*Back row: (Left to Right): Argel, Fabio, Gelson, Marcelinho, Dida, Andre Luiz, Juarez, Wagner.
Front row: (Left to Right): Savio, Rodrigo, Paolo, Bruno, Gian, Tomy, Magrao, Yan, Pereira.*

Norway



*Back Row; (Left to Right): Bjorn Brungot, Brede Skorve, Rune Nordengen, Hai Ngoc Tran, Tommy Svindal Larsen, Stian Tobiassen, Odd A. Skonhøft, Borge Rannestad, Thomas Ostvold, Arnor Dingen.
Front Row; (Left to Right): Petter Rudi, Harald Lodemel, Thomas Hafstad, Thomas Myhre, Lars Engebraten, Lars Olsson, Espen Daland, Tarje Nordstrand Jacobsen.
Coach: Bjorn Hansen. Assistant Coach: Frank Suorza.*

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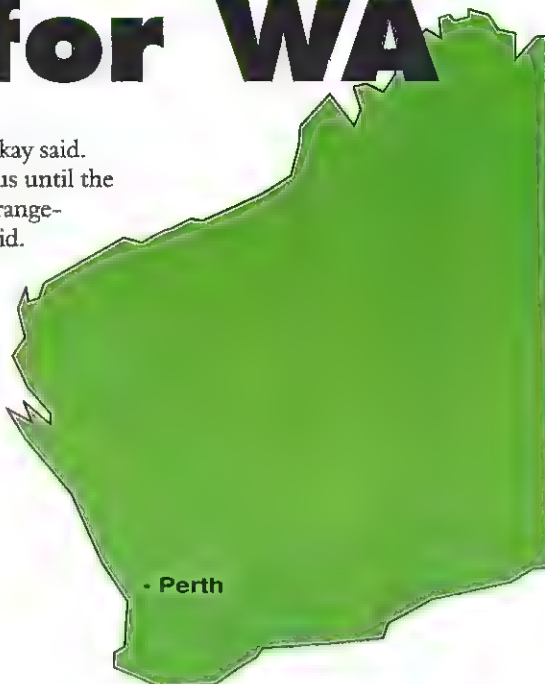
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All the way for WA

As SOCCER AUSTRALIA predicted in the last issue, it was only a matter of time before WA confirmed its enthusiasm to become part of the Coca-Cola Soccer League by making a formal application. On January 29, it happened. Tom Mackay, President of the Soccer Administration of Western Australia (SAWA), announced the bid to join at the official opening of the new \$550,000 headquarters at Perry Lakes Stadium. The formal request to the Australian Soccer Federation is to join the CCSL for next season, starting in October. "We have asked the ASF to respond

to us by the end of March," Mackay said. "We have asked the ASF to give us until the end of July to confirm that all arrangements can be put in place," he said. The decision to apply follows a feasibility study which states that around 100,000 people are involved in soccer in WA. "We have a very strong case for a WA team to be admitted, including our recent successes against international visitors," Mackay said.



Thomson narrows down his options

Coca-Cola Socceroos coach Eddie Thomson is getting close to a final squad for the vital World Cup qualifiers against New Zealand. Seven Australian-based players took part in the second Dutch training camp Thomson has organised as part of the build-up to the home and away series against New Zealand. Marconi

Fairfield striker Steve Corica was the only new face in the training camp which was due to play games against leading German and Dutch clubs. The squad: Zabica, Tobin, Ivanovic, Wade, Durakovic, Marth, Corica, Kearton (Everton), Blagojevic (ICC Germinal Ekerten), Zelic (Borussia Dortmund), Longo (Cercle Brugge), Tapai

(Stoke City), Bozinovski (Ipswich), Slater (Club Lens), Mitchell (Swindon), Arnold (Royal Club), Van Blerk (Eagles), Okon (Club Brugge), Hristodoulou (Panathinaikos).



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AUSTRALIAN SOCCER: 1880 - 1993



WHEN I was at school, I once moaned at a teacher that history was boring and why did I have to study it? His response was simple; "To understand what is happening today, you have to have a grasp of past events". He also gave me a book on the history of football and suddenly history was interesting!

Being a lot older and maybe a little wiser, I now see the truth in his statement and how, for us to understand what happens in soccer today, we must know its
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background.

To start with, why do we call the game soccer? Many people think it is an American term, but Geoffrey Green in his "History of Soccer" in 1953 states the most common reason for the word soccer is:

"Association Soccer. The contraction is unattractive. But I must tell you how the word was born. One morning Charles Wreford Brown, the famous Corinthian and England player, was having breakfast in his college hall as an undergraduate at Oxford. He was approached by a friend, "Wreford, come and have a game of rugger

after brekker?" "No thank you John, I'm going to play soccer."

In that fleeting moment a new word came into being. Little could Wreford Brown, who was to grace this game for so long afterwards, have realised how the word would finally ring around the world."

The first recorded match in Australia was held in 1880 on Parramatta Common between the Wanderers and the Kings School. The Wanderers defeated Kings 5-0 and the team consisted of Todd, Baker, Fletcher, Hewlett, Robertson,

Chapman, Wastingage, Raburgh, Simpson and Scott.

The Wanderers are recognised as the first soccer club in Australia, though they were formed 21 years after the Melbourne Football Club. The awful reality is that Australian Rules Football actually had its rules drawn up in 1858 and is in fact older than Association Football, which was not drawn up until 1863 in England.

The man who drew up the rules for Australian Football, Wills, was in fact educated in Rugby School in England and brought a rugby ball home to



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Australia when he left school. If he had perhaps gone to Eton or Winchester he may well have brought a round ball home as their version of "football" was played with a round ball, and what a game that would have made!

All around Australia soccer clubs began to spring up and the first recorded teams in each state were:
 Northern NSW: Minmi Rangers 1884, Hamilton 1885, Wallsend Rovers 1887, Gretna Bluebells, Carrington Blackwatch 1888
 South NSW: North Illawarra 1888, Illawarra 1889, Bargownic Rovers 1890
 Western Australia: A touring team 1909
 Tasmania: South Hobart 1909
 South Australia: Woodville, North Adelaide, South Adelaide all 1902
 Victoria: South Melbourne, Prahran, Carlton, Melbourne Rovers 1886.

The names of a number of teams suggest a strong British origin, and in fact the first governing body of Australia perhaps emphasised this as it was entitled the "South British Football Association".

In Victoria, where soccer had to compete with that unique phenomenon, Australian Rules, attempts were apparently made to bring in local Australian-born players as early as the 1890s. However, the state governing body (helped by a grant of 50 pounds from the English Football Association) was titled the Anglo-Australian Association, and team playing content was still British dominated.

The possibility of the Australian National being ostracised from these teams is put forward by Pidd (1982), an ABC journalist with a special interest in Australian sports history possibly took to codes which allowed them to play, and that they felt they could identify with, or belong to, such as Australian Rules, almost leaving the English and Scottish to their national rivalry 13,000 miles from "home".

Has this comment still got relevance 100 years later? Bill Mandle, a sports historian suggests that Australia at the turn of the century was being brought together by a spirit of nationalism and "Aussies" took to their own game and



district clubs were established. The reality is, once a game is established in the working classes, which are usually the mass support bases, it is very hard to break into this tradition. And soccer by sticking to its "ethnic" British base missed out on the opportunity to build a strong district base and the chance to create dynasties such as Collingwood and Carlton.

Soccer in Australia between its conception in 1880 and 1938, went through a comparatively quiet period.

The game grew with British migration, especially in the coalfields of Northern NSW.

A number of new clubs arose, and interstate games were initiated, however the game would seem to been treated very much as a minor sport, second to both Australian Rules and Rugby. This was especially so in the treatment of soccer in the various forms of mass media.

For example, an analysis of the Illustrated Tasmanian mail between 1920 and 1925 shows a great deal of coverage of Australian Rules, but no mention of soccer whatsoever. The oldest mention of soccer in print in Tasmania was the Sports Weekly of July 26 1929 which reported the visit of the New Zealand Navy Team to play a match against Tasmania. A feature of the article was a quote from a member of the crowd at the game:

"They reminded people from "home" of some of the teams in the old country."

Soccer was indeed being played in Tasmania before that time, as the South Hobart Club goes back to 1909.

On a national level, Australian XIs began to play test matches against visiting teams such as Canada, China and India, and played on a regular basis against New Zealand. The highlights of the touring matches were the visits by England XIs, though these were often Amateur teams.

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Soccer historian, Walvin (1975), states that the visits by English touring sides (which the English F.A felt were acting almost as “missionary” trips, spreading the game to the Colonies) were in retrospect a negative influence on the game.

"Many overwhelming victories by English sides in the Dominions, may well have been counter-productive and actually helped to inhibit the development of local football."

Suggestions that Australians who appear to have been in a nationalistic phase did not enjoy heavy defeats, and turned to codes where they could "give the Poms a fair go."

The indirect effects of World War II were soon to change the nature of Soccer. It was to become a vastly different game and its effects on Australian society were to become far more important.

The ethnic nature of soccer in the post war period cannot be treated lightly, as this was the catalyst for the game to become a major sport in Australia and attract large crowds.

"Soccer as we know it only commenced in the 1950's with the massive population changes following Calwell's immigration Act."

The statement by Sir Arthur George (1980), ex-President of the ASF, summarises the view that between 1950 and 1980 soccer in Australia, after its pre-war "quiet period", went through a "boom period", due mainly to the ethnic influence, this applying to both the playing and coaching input.

Turner (1981) states:

"There are a couple of reasons why the popularity of Australian Rules has not kept pace with the expanding post war population. The first is to do with the growing popularity of soccer and that's to do with the demographic change which has taken place because of the post war immigration boom.

"The greater part of post war population growth is made up of migrants who have no inherited attachments to Australian Football and have traditionally followed soccer."

Should we have grabbed the chance with the ready made playing and spectating influx to have created district clubs so that all migrants irrespective of origin could have identified with "home?"

And therefore when the migrants of the 1950s literally died off and their off-spring dissipated into general Australian culture, the support base for ethnic clubs (and therefore the economic lifeline) literally eroded away.

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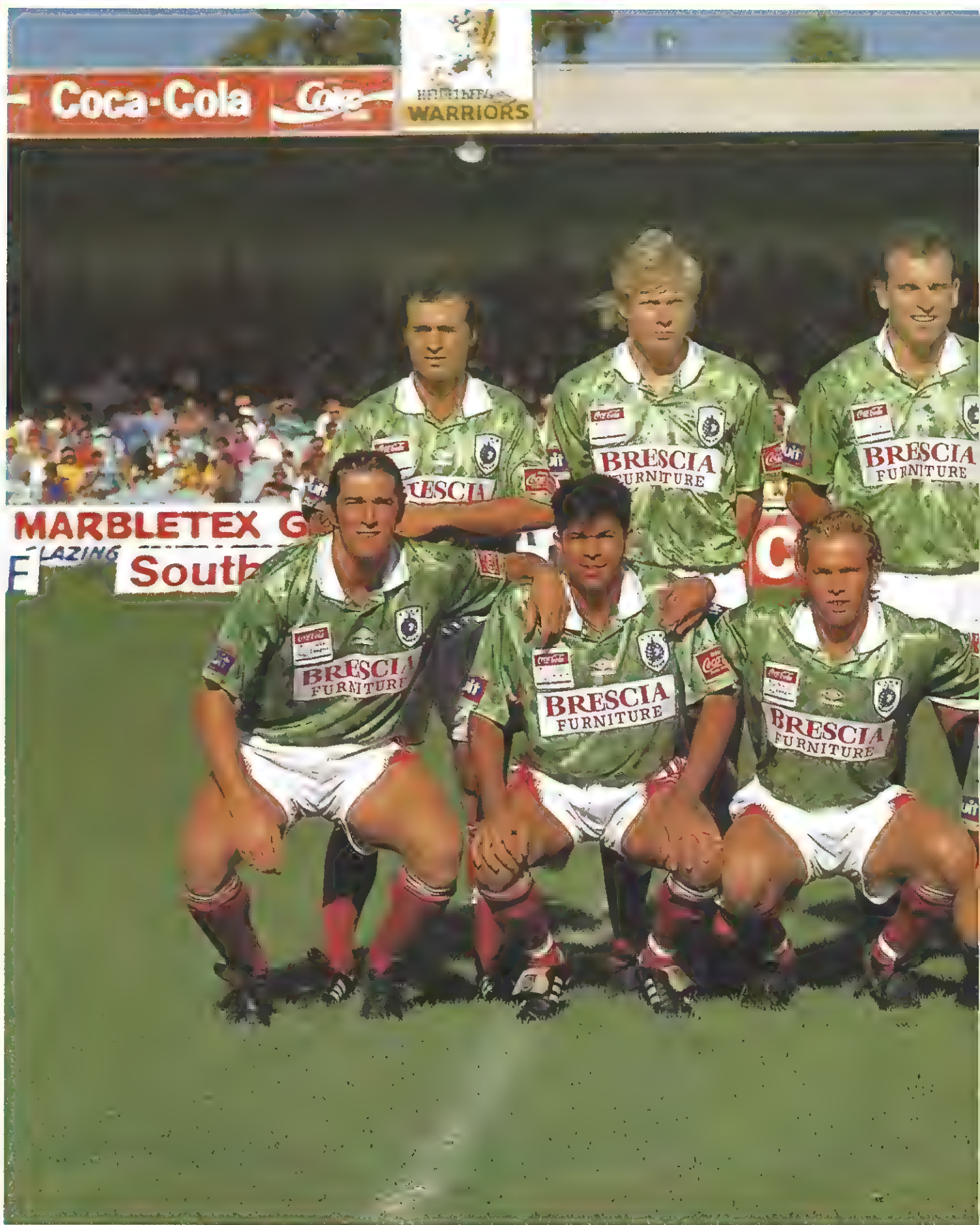
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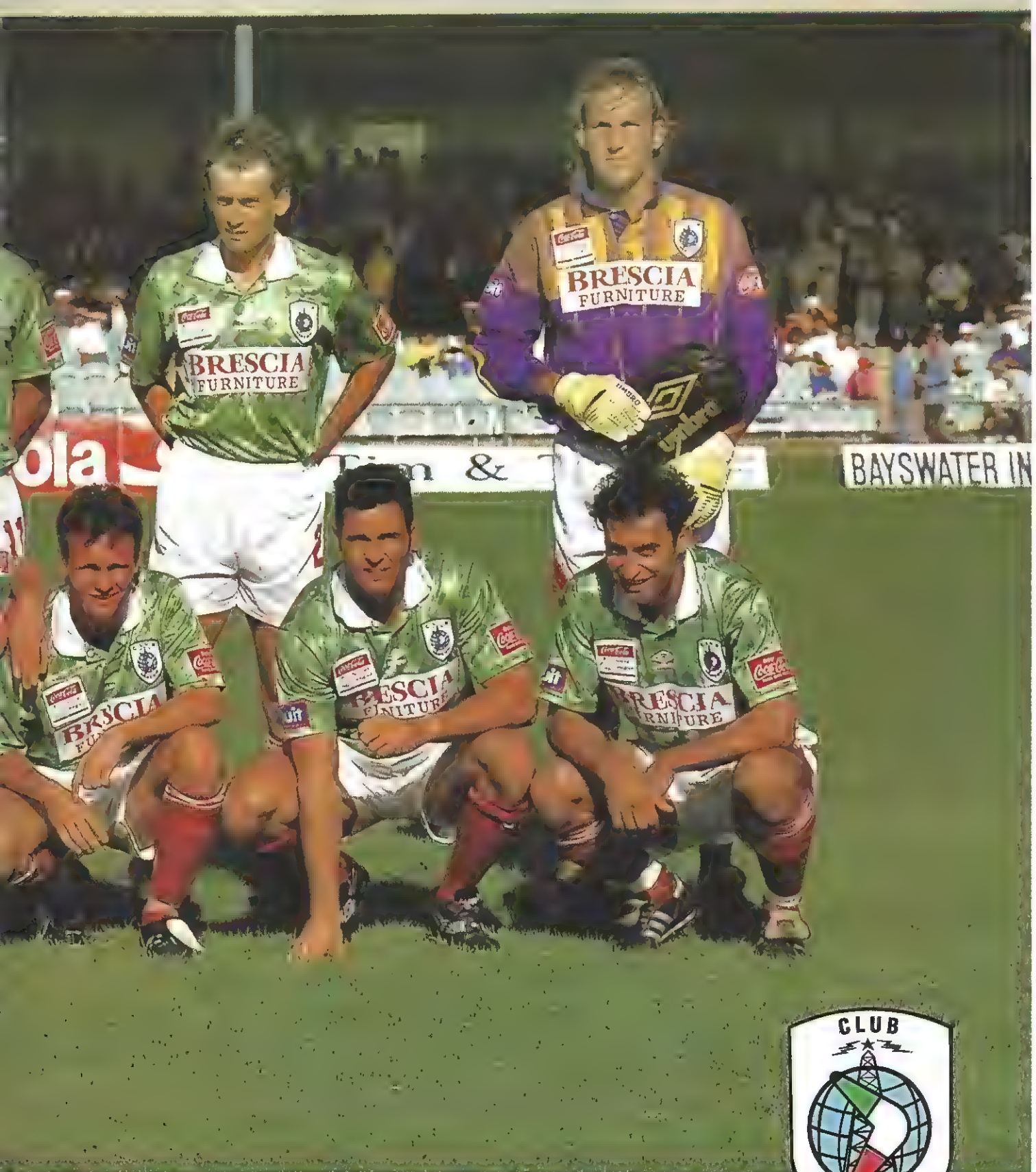


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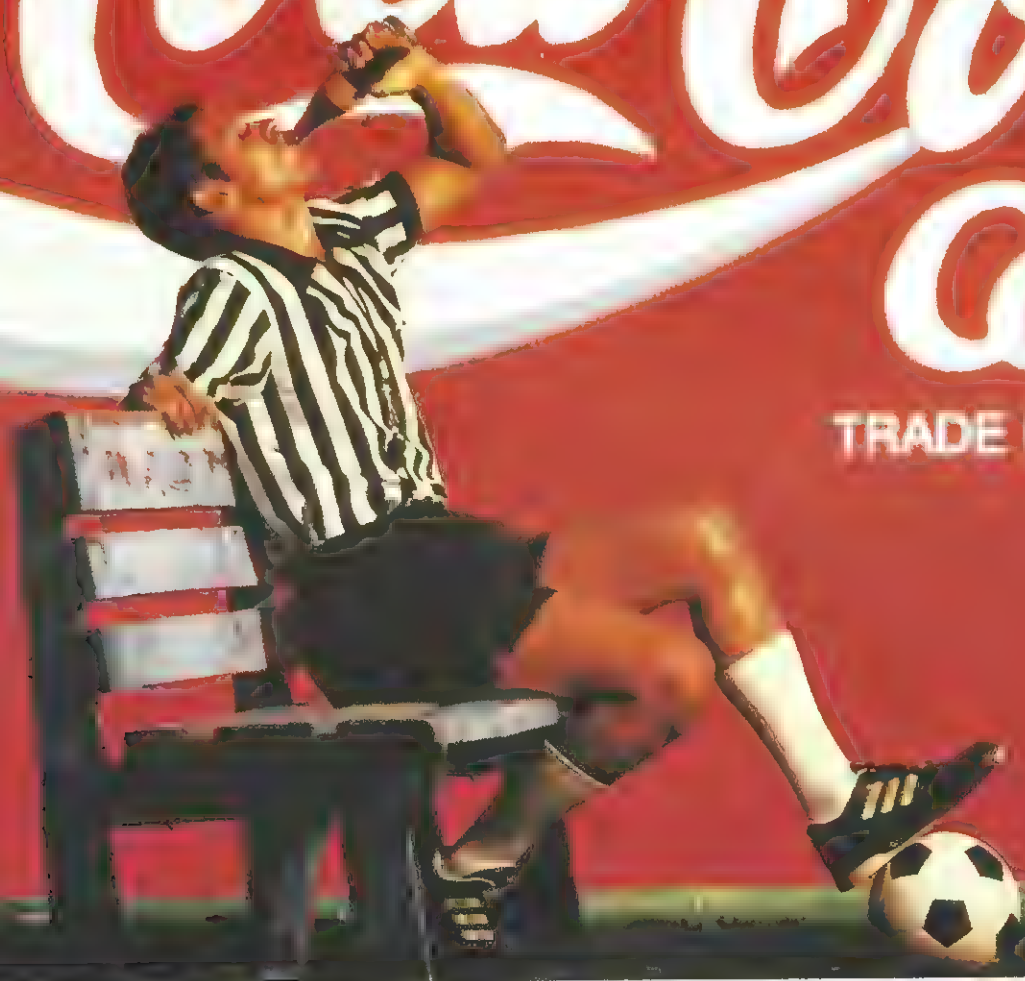
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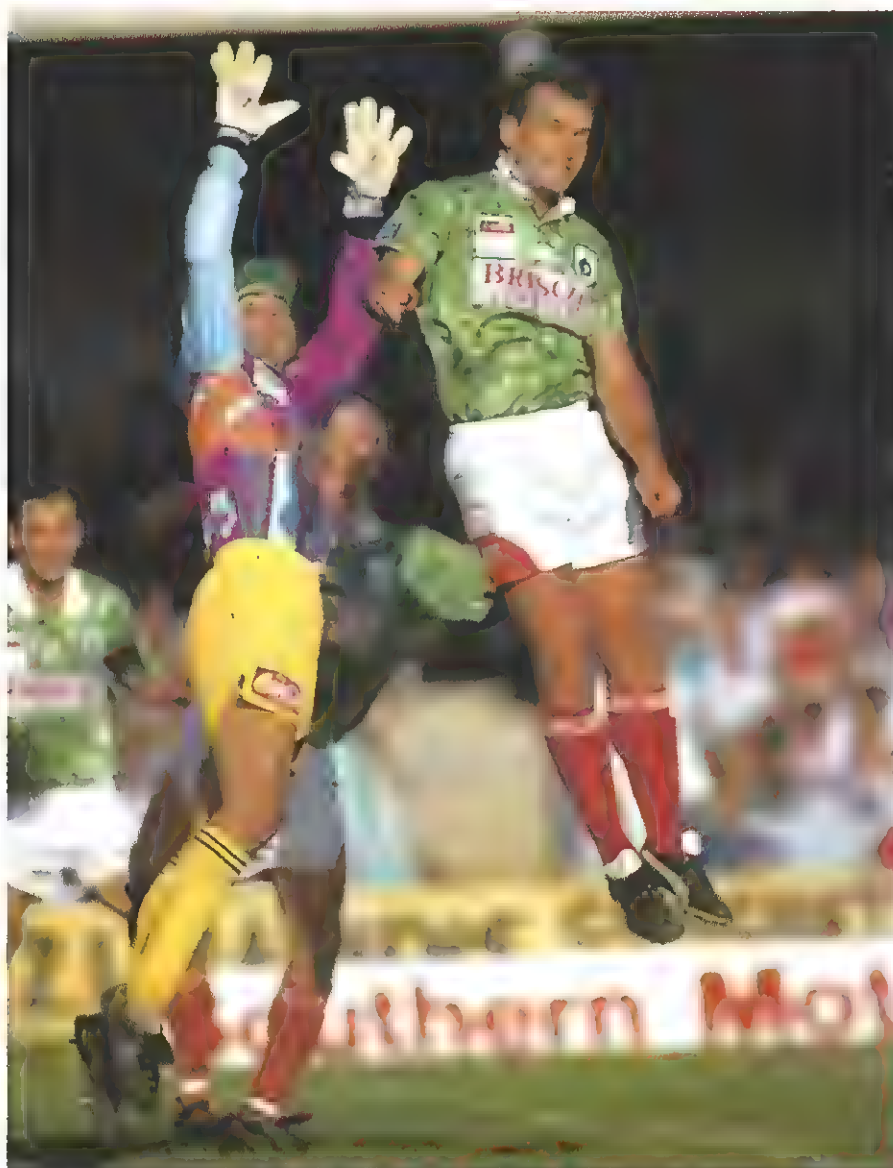
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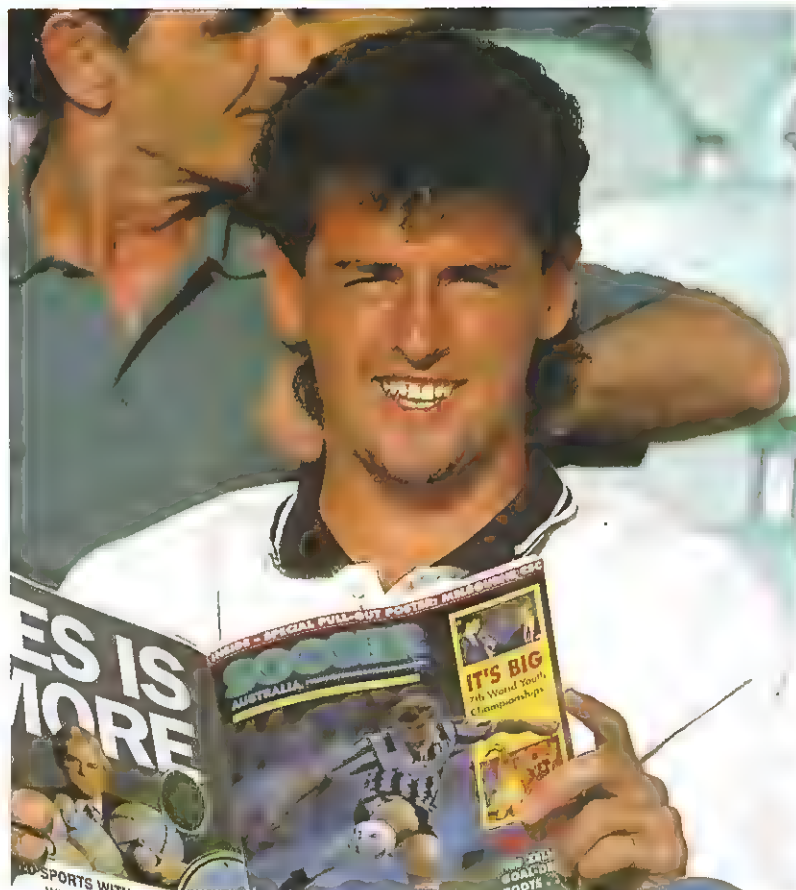
ABOVE: Hands up ... Heidelberg keeper Mike Chatzitirifonos is under pressure from Marconi Fairfield striker Andy Harper.

RIGHT: Kimon Taliadoros drifts past Angie Goutzioulis (top and bottom) and Alan Scott in the same clash.

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Left: Kevin Muscat captain of the Australian Coca-Cola Young Socceroos taking time to enjoy reading Soccer Australia.

Above: A keen young South Melbourne fan.

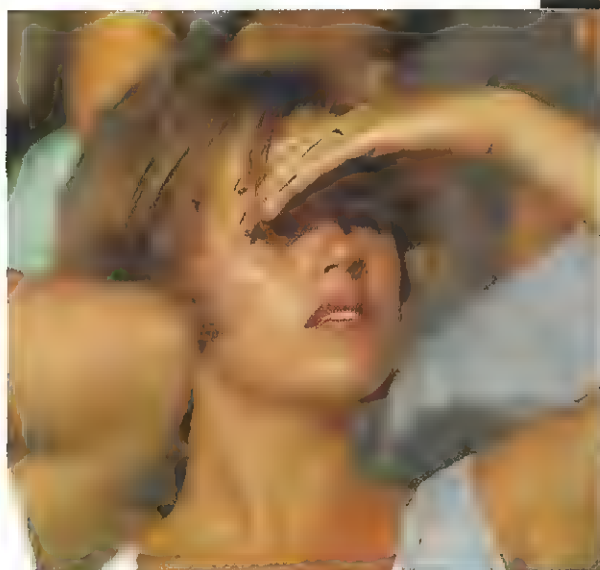
Below: Diving Header by Zlatko Arambasic of Sydney Olympic against Sydney CSC.



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Right: Brisbane United's striker Clayton Koch in an aerial duel at Preston.

Below: ... yes, following the action.



Above: Newcastle keeper, Mike Gibson dives at the feet of Parramatta Eagles' striker, Marshall Soper. Nick Meredith is guarding the goal line.
Left: South Melbourne sensation Francis Awaritefe.

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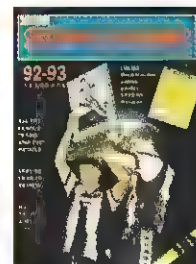
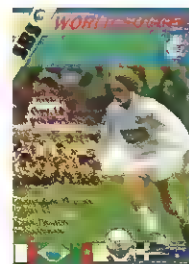
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Bookings: Harper and McCulloch (M); Mills and

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Referee: E.Brazzale

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Marigny, Harper, Kuleski, McCulloch, Corica, Iocca

(Macolino 89), Taliadoros

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Slager, Hooker, Lazaridis, Ricoy, Giminez, Brazzale

(Cerro HT), Iriate, Brown

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Morwell Falcons 3 - Heidelberg United 1

Venue: Crinigen Reserve

Scorers: Tombolato 49, Wright 52 and Becvinovski 70

(MF); Goutzioulis 66 (H)

Bookings: Tombolat, Della Rocca and Geri (MF);

Georgadis, Slifkas and Stubbins (H)

Send-offs: Slifkas 52 (H)

Referee: D.Voutsinas

Crowd: 2533

MORWELL: Mautone, Markovski, Harris (Geri 58),

Tombolato, Pender, Della Rocca, Jee, Becvinovski (Black

90), Wright, Waddell, McMullen

HEIDELBERG: Olver, Bratten, Georgiadis, Scott,

Hodgson, Clarkson, Palatsides, Slifkas, Stubbins,

Goutzioulis, Dick (Hunter 56)

Date: 20/12/92

Preston 5 - Brisbane United 1

Venue: Olympic Park

Scorers: Lozanovski 25, Trpevski 35, Najdovski 64,

Markovski 41 and 84 (P); Koch pen.44 (B)

Bookings: Lozanovski and Najdovski (P); Hunter and

Halligan (B)

Referee: G.Dunster

Crowd: 6263 (part of double-header)

PRESTON: Traianedes, Roodhouse, McAleer,

Trajcevski, Parton, Bizimovski, Trpevski, Lozanovski,

Najdovski (Cukulevski 72), Markovski, Zinni

(Trajanovski 83)

BRISBANE: Runje, Gwynne, Cahut, Hunter (Slater

57), Greer, Bullock, Brown (Cooper HT), Halligan,

Koch, T.Cranney, S.Cranney

Date: 20/12/92

South Melbourne 3 - Sydney Olympic 1

Venue: Olympic Park

Scorers: Awaritefe 51, Trimbolt 65 and Petersen 79

(SM); Arambasic 41 (SO)

Bookings: Boutsianis (SM)

Referee: T.McRoe

Crowd: 6263 (part of double-header)

SOUTH MELBOURNE: Anastasiadis, Healy (Muscat

50), Wright, Tsolakis (Hasler HT), Blair, Wade, Tasios,

Petersen, Trimboli, Boutsianis, Awaritefe

OLYMPIC: Gosling, Barrett, Sorras, Spyridakos,

Bernal, Ironside (Tsekenis 75), Augerinos (Lee 55),

Milosevic, Seal, Arambasic, Phillips

Date: 20/12/92

Sydney CSC 1 - Wollongong City 0

Venue: Croatian Sports Centre

Scorers: Krslovic 83 (S)

Bookings: Rumora (S); Foreshaw and White (W)

Referee: P.Hulme

Crowd: 1923

SYDNEY: Franken, Kupresak, Milicevic, Popovic,

Rumora, Stanton, Lamond, Zec (Krslovic 69),

Hristodoulou, Gibson, Caleta

WOLLONGONG: Hughes, Green, Foreshaw, Yankos,

Lloyd, Horsley, McFadden, Bard, White, Freestone

(Troth 78), Smith

Date: 20/12/92

Paramatta Eagles 3 - Adelaide City 1

Venue: Melita Stadium

Scorers: Foster 58, Soper 62 and Genc 66 (PE); Veart 34

(A)

Bookings: Csoboth, Talladira and Ivanovic (A)

Referee: J.Santa Isabel

Crowd: 2620

PARRAMATTA: P.Gunning, Souris, Gomez,

Wheatley, O'Donnell (G.Gunning HT), Mendez,

Cianter, Genc, Reda, Soper, Lowe (Foster 53)

ADELAIDE: Zabica, Shillabeer, Ivanovic, Brooks,

Grbevski (Obradovic 80), Talladira, Mullen, Csoboth,

Veart, Maxwell, Mori

* Newcastle BHP v Melbourne CSC match scheduled

for 18/12/92 postponed due to pitch conditions.

ROUND THIRTEEN

Date: 26/12/92

Brisbane United 0 - Newcastle BHP 5

Venue: Perry Park

Scorers: Polak 38 and 67, Koczka 43, Koch 79 and Spink

80 (N)

Bookings: Cahut, Halligan, Cooper and Bullock (B);

Maloney and Meredith (N)

Referee: P.Hulme

Crowd: 1938

BRISBANE: Farrow, Gwynne, Cahut (Koch 37),

Hunter, Jackson, Bullock, Cooper (Stipancic 61),

Halligan, Slater, T.Cranney, S.Cranney

NEWCASTLE: Gibson, Maier, Roberts, Stewart,

Koczka, Moffitt, Sprod (Koch 77), Polak (Naumov 75),

Maloney, Spink, Meredith

Date: 27/12/92

Adelaide City 3 - Marconi Fairfield 4

Venue: Hindmarsh Stadium

Scorers: Tobin 55, Maxwell 71 and 75 (A); Bingley 6,

Taliadoros 16, Grbevski own goal 60, van Egmond 78

(M)

Bookings: Maxwell (A); Bingley and Corica (M)

Send-offs: Maxwell 75 (A)

Referee: J.Papanicolas

Crowd: 4098

ADELAIDE: Zabica, Shillabeer, Tobin, Brooks,

Grbevski, Talladira, Mullen, Csoboth, Veart, Maxwell

(sent off 75), Mori (Barbaro 78)

MARCONI: Schwarzer, Jolevski, Bingley, Gray, de

Marigny, Harper, Kuleski, McCulloch (Macolino 83),

Corica, Iocca (van Egmond 74), Taliadoros

Date: 27/12/92

Sydney Olympic 4 - Preston 1

Venue: St George Stadium

Scorers: Ironside 24, Arambasic 29, Seal 42 and

Bizimovski own goal 47 (SO); Markovski 58 (P)

Bookings: Augerinos and Arambasic (SO); Tasevski,

Markovski and Parton (P)

Referee: R.Lorenc

Crowd: 3878

OLYMPIC: Gosling, Barrett, Sorras, Bernal, Ironside,

Augerinos, Lee, Milosevic (Ardone HT), Seal (Tsekenis

85), Arambasic, Phillips

PRESTON: Traianedes, Roodhouse, McAleer,

Tasevski, Trajevski, Parton, Bizimovski, Trpevski,

Najdovski, Markovski (Cukulevski 71), Zinni

Date: 28/12/92

Melbourne CSC 0 - Morwell Falcons 2

Venue: Somers Street

Scorers: Wright pen.12 and Becvinovski 89 (MF)

Bookings: Marth (M); Waddell, Pender and Black (MF)

Referee: J.Fraser

Crowd: 2812

MELBOURNE: Miller, Talajic, Horvat, Vanis,

Hannah, Marth (Silic 58), Bonk, Biskic (Jackson 66),

Coveny, Pondeljak, Kelic

MORWELL: Mautone, Markovski, Harris, Donnelly, Pender,

Della Rocca, Jee, Becvinovski, Wright, Waddell, Black

Date: 28/12/92

Heidelberg United 3 - Parramatta Eagles 2

Venue: Olympic Village

Scorers: Stubbins 30, Michalakopoulos 58 and Clarkson

66 (H); Genc 1 and Gomez 13 (PE)

Bookings: Goutzioulis and Palatsides (H)

Referee: Z.Mnich

Crowd: 3460

HEIDELBERG: Chatzitritonas, Bratten, Georgiadis,

Scott, Clarkson (Dick 88), Palatsides, MacNicol,

Michalakopoulos (Gnjidic 85), Stubbins, Goutzioulis,

Hunter

PARRAMATTA: P.Gunning, Souris, Gomez,

Wheatley, Mendez (Lowe 71), Cianter, Genc, Reda

(O'Donnell 58), Soper, G.Gunning, Foster

Date: 28/12/92

Wollongong City 1 - South Melbourne 2

Venue: Brandon Park

Scorers: Laus 13 (W); Boniteg own goal 3 and

Boutsianis 46 (SM)

Bookings: McFadden and Yankos (W); Tasios (SM)

Referee: G.Dunster

Crowd: 3655

WOLLONGONG: Hughes, Green, O'Shea, Yankos,

Bourke, Boniteg (Lloyd 79), Horsley, McFadden, White

(Bard 79), Laus, Smith

SOUTH MELBOURNE: Anastasiadis, Muscat,

Wright, Durakovic, Blair (Hasler 35), Wade, Tasios

(Tsolakis 85), Petersen, Trimboli, Boutsianis, Awaritefe

Date: 28/12/92

West Adelaide 1 - Sydney CSC 1

Venue: Hindmarsh Stadium

Scorers: Iriate 1 (WA); Krslovic 43 (S)

Bookings: Giminez (WA)

Send-offs: Hristodoulou 70 (WA)

Referee: T.McRoe

Crowd: 4743

WEST ADELAIDE: McPherson, Blair (Pullen 63),

Slager, Hooker, Lazaridis, Giminez, Mills, Keremidas,

Cerro, Iriate (Tsekenis 77), Brown

SYDNEY: Franken, Kupresak, Milicevic (Petkovic 89)

Popovic, Rumora, Stanton, Lamond (Zec HT), Krslovic,

Hristodoulou (sent off 70), Gibson, Caleta

ROUND FOURTEEN

Date: 1/1/93

Newcastle BHP 1 - Sydney Olympic 1

Venue: Mitre 10 Stadium

Scorers: Spink 58 (N); Arambasic 5 (SO)

Bookings: Spink and Meredith (N); Ardone, Tsekenis

and Sorras (SO)

Referee: R.Davies

Crowd: 6036

NEWCASTLE: Gibson, Maier, Roberts (Naumov 55),

Stewart, Koczka, Moffitt, Sprod, Polak, Maloney, Spink,

Meredith

OLYMPIC: Gosling, Barrett, Tsekenis, Sorras, Bernal,

Ironside (Ardone HT), Lee, Milosevic, Seal (Cardozo

72), Arambasic, Phillips

Date: 2/1/93

Marconi Fairfield 1 - Sydney CSC 1

Venue: Marconi Stadium

Scorers: Johnson 55 (M); Caleta 70 (S)

Bookings: Johnson (M); Petkovic and Kupresak (S)

Send-offs: Jolevski 80 (M)

Referee: P.Spiers

Crowd: 5154

MARCONI: Schwarzer, Jolevski (sent off 80), Bingley,

Gray, de Marigny, Harper, Kuleski, McCulloch (Johnson

34), Corica (van Egmond HT), Iocca, Tahadoros

SYDNEY: Franken, Kupresak, Milicevic (Babic 70),

Popovic, Rumora, Stanton, Lamond (Zec 73), Krslovic,

Petkovic, Gibson, Caleta

Date: 2/1/93

Morwell Falcons 1 - Brisbane United 1

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Venue: Crinigen Reserve
Scorers: Della Rocca 48 (MF); Koch 14 (B)
Bookings: Della Rocca (MF); Jackson (B)
Referee: J.Santa Isabel
Crowd: 2752
MORWELL: Mautone, Markovski, Harris, Donnelly, Pender (Canosa 90), Della Rocca, Jee, Becvinovski (Tombolato 85), Wright, Waddell, Cassar
BRISBANE: Farrow, Gwynne, T.Cranney, Hunter (Grodum 90), Jackson, Battiston, Jefferd, Koch, Halligan, Slater, S.Cranney

Date: 3/1/93

Preston 1 - Wollongong City 0

Venue: Connor Reserve
Scorers: Parton 8 (P)
Bookings: Trajanovski and Bizimovski (P); Lloyd and Yankos (W)
Referee: J.Fraser
Crowd: 2763

PRESTON: Traianedes, Roodhouse, McAleer, Trajceviski, Parton, Bizimovski, Trpceviski (Cukulevski 54), Lozanovski, Najdovski, Trajanovski, Zinni
WOLLONGONG: Hughes, Green (Skeen 76), O'Shea, Yankos, Bourke, Horsley, McFadden, Lloyd, White, Laus (Freestone 65), Smith

Date: 3/1/93

South Melbourne 4 - West Adelaide 2

Venue: Middle Park
Scorers: Awaritefe 10 and 47, Trimboli 44 and 87 (SM); Iriate 13 and Lazaridis 84 (WA)
Bookings: Muscat, Awaritefe and Wright (SM); Iriate (WA)
Referee: R.Lorenc
Crowd: 5863

SOUTH MELBOURNE: Anastasiadis, Muscat, Wright, Durakovic, Hasler, Wade, Tasios, Petersen, Trimboli, Boutsianis, Awaritefe

WEST ADELAIDE: McPherson, Slager, Hooker, Lazaridis, Giminez, Mills, Keremidas, Ricoy, Cerro (Blair HT), Iriate, Brown

Date: 3/1/93

Parramatta Eagles 2 - Melbourne CSC 2

Venue: Melita Stadium
Scorers: Foster 25 and Reda 79 (PE); Coveny 81 and Pondeljak 84 (M)
Bookings: Talajic, Marth and Coveny (M)
Referee: T.McRoe
Crowd: 2588

PARRAMATTA: P.Gunning, Souris, O'Donnell, Gomez, Wheatley, Mendez, Cianter (Reda 28), Genc, Soper, G.Gunning, Foster (Adioski 63)
MELBOURNE: Juric, Talajic (Silic 55), Horvat, Vanis, De Amicis, Bonk, Marth, Biskic, Coveny, Pondeljak, Kelic (Hannah 64)

Date: 3/1/93

Adelaide City 1 - Heidelberg United 1

Venue: Hindmarsh Stadium
Scorers: Mullen 42 (A); Clarkson 66 (H)
Referee: E.Brazzale
Crowd: 3881
ADELAIDE: Zabica, Shillabeer, Tobin, Brooks, Ivanovic, Talladira, Mullen, Villani (Barbaro 81), Veart, Mori, Obradovic
HEIDELBERG: Chatzitritonas, Bratten, Georgiadis, Scott, Clarkson, Palatsides, MacNicol, Michalakopoulos (Gnjidic 85), Stubbins, Goutzioulis (Dick HT), Hunter

RE-SCHEDULED

ROUND 12 GAME

Date: 6/1/93

Newcastle BHP 3 - Melbourne CSC 2

Venue: Mitre 10 Stadium
Scorers: Maloney pen.77, Spink 4 and 64 (N); Marth 40 and Vanis 61 (M)

SOCCER AUSTRALIA

Bookings: Koch, Spink and Stewart (N); Vanis, Jackson and Marth (M)

Referee: R.Lorenc

Crowd: 2996

NEWCASTLE: Gibson, Maier, Koch (Naumov 58), Stewart, Koczka (Roberts 78), Moffit, Sprod, Polak, Maloney, Spink, Meredith

MELBOURNE: Juric, Talajic (Jackson 68), Horvat, Vanis, Hannah, Marth, Silic, Biskic, Coveny, Pondeljak, Kelic (Bonk 74)

ROUND FIFTEEN

Date: 8/1/93

Wollongong City 2 - Newcastle BHP 1

Venue: Brandon Park
Scorers: Stewart own goal 15 and Laus 47 (W); Spink 83 (N)
Bookings: Horsley (W); Maloney (N)
Referee: M.Loupis
Crowd: 2448

WOLLONGONG: Hughes, Green, Foreshaw, O'Shea, Bourke, Horsley, McFadden, Boniteg, White, Laus (Skeen 86), Smith

NEWCASTLE: Gibson, Maier, Roberts (Naumov HT), Stewart, Koczka (Koch 51), Moffitt, Sprod, Polak, Maloney, Spink, Meredith

Date: 9/1/93

Brisbane United 3 - Parramatta Eagles 3

Venue: Perry Park
Scorers: Ditton 50, T.Cranney 51 and Bullock 80 (B); Soper 9, O'Donnell 70 and Gomez 77 (PE)
Bookings: Slater and Jackson (B); Soper (PE)
Referee: G.Brownlie
Crowd: 2086

BRISBANE: Runje, Gwynne, T.Cranney, Grodum, Jackson, Ditton, Halligan, Pimblett (Bullock 79), Koch (Brown 55), Slater, S.Cranney
PARRAMATTA: P.Gunning, Souris, O'Donnell, Gomez, Wheatley, Falzon (Katholos 60), Mendez (Reda 65), Genc, Soper, G.Gunning, Foster

Date: 10/1/93

Sydney CSC 2 - South Melbourne 5

Venue: Croatian Sports Centre
Scorers: Krslovic pen.13 and Lamond 37 (S); Awaritefe 2, Wade 15, Trimboli 59, Tsolakis 82 and 84 (SM)
Bookings: Rumora (S)
Referee: R.Davies
Crowd: 3231

SYDNEY: Franken, Babic (Zec 76), Milicevic (Jurilj 37), Popovic, Rumora, Stanton, Lamond, Krslovic, Petkovic, Gibson, Caleta

SOUTH MELBOURNE: Anastasiadis, Healy, Wright, Durakovic, Hasler, Wade, Tasios, Petersen, Trimboli, Boutsianis (Tsolakis 81), Awaritefe

Date: 10/1/93

Heidelberg United 0 - Marconi Fairfield 5

Venue: Olympic Village
Scorers: Harper 14, Taliadoros 28, Gray 51, van Egmond 79 and Johnson 83 (M)
Bookings: de Marigny and Taliadoros (M)
Referee: J.Santa Isabel
Crowd: 4003
HEIDELBERG: Chatzitritonas, Georgiadis, Scott, Clarkson (Tiktikakis HT), Palatsides, MacNicol, Michalakopoulos, Stubbins, Goutzioulis, Hunter, Dick (Gnjidic 63)

MARCONI: Schwarzer, van Egmond, Bingley, Gray (Calderan 81), de Marigny, Harper, Kuleski, Johnson, Pelucchi, Iocca, Taliadoros (Macolino 75), Corica

Date: 10/1/93

Melbourne CSC 0 - Adelaide City 1

Venue: Somers Street
Scorers: Mori 73 (A)
Bookings: Silic (M)
Referee: P.Spiers

Crowd: 2549

MELBOURNE: Juric, Talajic, Horvat, Selemidis, Hannah, De Amicis (Bonk 60), Silic, Biskic, Coveny, Pondeljak, Jackson (Kelic 68)

ADELAIDE: Zabica, Shillabeer, Tobin, Brooks, Ivanovic, Talladira, Mullen, Villani, Veart, Mori, Maxwell

Date: 10/1/93

Sydney Olympic 1 - Morwell Falcons 2

Venue: St George Stadium
Scorers: Seal 62 (SO); Becvinovski 56 and Waddell 80 (MF)

Bookings: Arambasic and Seal (SO); Markovski (MF)
Referee: B.Power

Crowd: 3305

OLYMPIC: Gosling, Barrett, Augerinos (Ardone 89), Sorras, Bernal, Ironside, Lee (Cardozo 57), Milosevic, Seal, Arambasic, Phillips

MORWELL: Mautone, Markovski, Harris, Donnelly, Canosa, Della Rocca, Pender (Cassar 87), Jee, Becvinovski, Wright, Waddell

Date: 10/1/93

West Adelaide 2 - Preston 0

Venue: Hindmarsh Stadium
Scorers: Brown 56 and 78 (WA)
Bookings: Tsekinis (WA); Lozanovski and Bizimovski (P)
Referee: Z.Mnich
Crowd: 4127

WEST ADELAIDE: McPherson, Slager, Hooker, Lazaridis, Giminez, Mills, Tsekinis, Ricoy, Cerro (Blair 86), Brazzale, Brown

PRESTON: Traianedes, Roodhouse, McAleer, Trajceviski, Parton, Bizimovski, Trajanovski, Lozanovski, Najdovski (Cukulevski 61), Markovski, Zinni (Trpceviski 67)

ROUND SIXTEEN

Date: 15/1/93

Wollongong City 1 - Morwell Falcons 1

Venue: Brandon Park
Scorers: Lloyd 59 (W); Waddell 69 (MF)
Bookings: O'Shea (W); Harris, Waddell, Tombolato and Cassar (MF)
Referee: P.Spiers
Crowd: 2353

WOLLONGONG: Hughes, Green, Yankos, O'Shea, Bourke, Boniteg (Lloyd HT), McFadden, Horsley, White, Laus (Bard 82), Smith

MORWELL: Mautone, Tombolato, Harris, Donnelly, Della Rocca, Jee, Becvinovski, Wright (Cassar 74), Waddell, Canosa

Date: 16/1/93

Brisbane United 4 - Adelaide City 2

Venue: Perry Park
Scorers: Koch 5, Pimblett 58, Hunter 68 and S.Cranney 72 (B); Mullen 24 and Melta 71 (A)
Referee: R.Davies
Crowd: 2027

BRISBANE: Runje, Gwynne, T.Cranney, Hunter, Jackson (Grodum 51), Bullock, S.Cranney, Halligan, Pimblett (Brown 78), Slater, Koch

ADELAIDE: Zabica, Shillabeer, Brooks, Ivanovic, Tobin, Talladira, Mori, Veart, Mullen (Melta 70), Maxwell, Villani (Barbaro 78)

Date: 16/1/93

Sydney CSC 3 - Preston 1

Venue: Croatian Sports Centre
Scorers: Krslovic pen.19 and 50, Gibson 86 (S); Najdovski 75 (P)
Bookings: Gibson, Caleta and Lamond (S)
Red cards: Stojceviski 76 (P)
Referee: G.Dunster
Crowd: 1724

SYDNEY: Franken, Kupresak, Babic, Popovic, Moric

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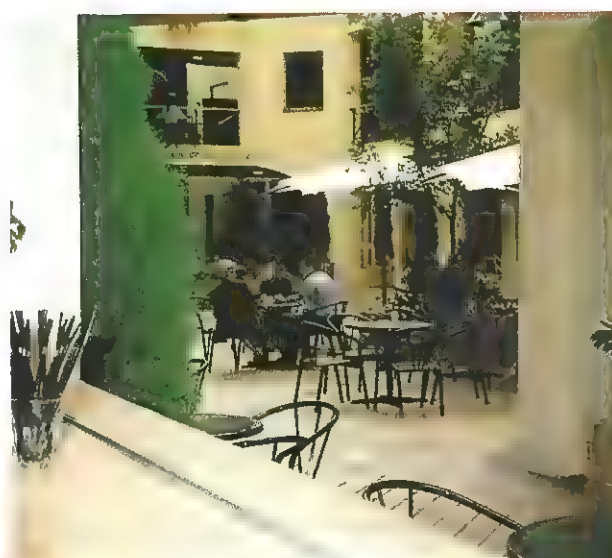


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(Jermen 74), Stanton, Lamond, Krslovic, Petkovic, Gibson, Caleta (Zec HT)
PRESTON: Traianedes, Roodhouse (Stojcevski 65 - sent off 76), McAleer, Trajceviski (Trajanovski 65), Parton, Bizimovski, Tacevski, Lozanovski, Najdovski, Markovski, Zinni

Date: 17/1/93

South Melbourne 2 - Marconi Fairfield 0

Venue: Middle Park

Scorers: Tsolakis pen.88 and Awaritefe 89 (SM)

Bookings: Wright (SM); van Egmond, Pelucchi and Calderan (M)

Referee: T.McRoe

Crowd: 11451

SOUTH MELBOURNE: Anastasiadis, Muscat, Wright, Durakovic, Hasler, Wade, Tasios,

Petersen (Healy 87), Trimboli, Boutsianis (Tsolakis 76), Awaritefe

MARCONI: Schwarzer, van Egmond, Iocca (Macolino 83), Bingley, Calderan, Kuleski, Johnson (Payne 72), Pelucchi, Taliadoros, Corica, Harper.

Date: 17/1/93

Melbourne CSC 2 - Heidelberg United 1

Venue: Somers Street

Scorers: Cervinski 67 and Marth 75 (M); Goutzioulis 47 (H)

Bookings: Pondeljak (M); Stubbins (H)

Referee: E.Brazzale

Crowd: 2395

MELBOURNE: Miller, Talajic (Cervinski 58m), Horvat, Selemides, Hannah, Marth, Silic, Biskic, Coveny (Vanis 89m), Pondeljak, De Amicis

HEIDELBERG: Chatzitirifonas, Brattan, Scott, Hodgson, Palatsides, Clarkson, Goutzioulis, Stubbins, Hunter, Michalakopoulos, Georgiadis

Date: 17/1/93

Sydney Olympic 0 - Parramatta Eagles 2

Venue: St George Stadium

Scorers: Gomez 50 and Soper 73 (PE)

Bookings: Barrett, Bernal, Seal, Ardone and Sorras (SO); Soper, Reda and Falzon (PE)

Red cards: Milosevic 52 (SO)

Referee: P.Hulme

Crowd: 4203

OLYMPIC: Gosling, Barrett (Ardone 69), Hickman (Ironsides 53), Sorras, Bernal, Augerinos, Tsekenis, Phillips, Milosevic (sent off 52), Seal, Arambasic

PARRAMATTA: P.Gunning, Wheatley, Souris, Gomez, O'Donnell, Falzon, Reda, Katholos, Genc, Soper, Foster (Mendez 49)

Date: 17/1/93

West Adelaide 1 - Newcastle BHP 2

Venue: Hindmarsh Stadium

Scorers: Hooker pen.89 (WA); Hooker own goal 21 and Sprod 71 (N)

Bookings: Maloney and Stewart (N)

Referee: J.Santa Isabel

Crowd: 4100

WEST ADELAIDE: McPherson, Ricoy, Lazaridis, Slager, Hooker, Mills, Iriate, Cerro, Brazzale, Gimenez (Blair 70), Brown (Tsekinis 84)

NEWCASTLE: Gibson, Maier, Meredith, Stewart, Koch, Moffit, Sprod, Polak, Brown, Spink, Maloney (Roberts 84)

ROUND SEVENTEEN

Date: 22/1/93

Newcastle BHP 3 - Sydney CSC 1

Venue: Mitre 10 Stadium

Scorers: Meredith 17, Stewart 21 and Brown 46 (N); Krslovic 58 (S)

Bookings: Meredith (N)

Referee: R.Lorenc

Crowd: 2425

NEWCASTLE: Gibson, Maier, Roberts, Stewart, Koch, Moffit (Naumov 74), Sprod, Polak, Brown, Spink, Meredith

SYDNEY: Franken, Kupresak, Babic, Popovic, Hristodoulou (Caleta 76), Stanton, Lamond, Krslovic, Petkovic, Gibson, Zec (Zizic 20)

Date: 23/1/93

Marconi Fairfield 3 - Melbourne CSC 0

Venue: Marconi Stadium

Scorers: Harper 20, Corica 52 and Johnson 80 (M)

Bookings: Biskic (M)

Referee: G.Dunster

Crowd: 3288

MARCONI: Schwarzer, Jolevski, de Marigny, Bingley, Gray (Paine 11), Kuleski, Johnson (Mancino 82), Pelucchi, Taliadoros, Corica, Harper

MELBOURNE: Miller, Talajic (Cervinski 60), Horvat, Selemidis, Hannah, Merth, Silic, Biskic, Coveny (Vanis 66), Pondeljak, De Amicis

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Date: 23/1/93

Morwell Falcons 2 - West Adelaide 1

Venue: Crinigen Reserve

Scorers: Canosa 62 and Wright 77 (MF); Briscoe 90 (WA)

Bookings: Hooker (WA)

Referee: E. Brazzale

Crowd: 2945

MORWELL: Mautone, Tombolato, Harris, Della Rocca, Pender, Jee, Becvinovski,

Wright, Waddell (Sevin 85), Donnelly,

Canosa

WEST ADELAIDE: McPherson, Blair, Lazaridis, Slager, Hooker, Mills, Iriate, Cerro, Brazzale, Brown, Ricoy (Briscoe 62)

Date: 24/1/93

Preston 0 - South Melbourne 1

Venue: Connor Reserve

Scorers: Awaritefe 39 (SM)

Bookings: Trajceviski, Bizimovski, Markovski and Parton (P)

Red cards: Trajceviski 76 (P)

Referee: P. Spiers

Crowd: 3982

PRESTON: Traianedes, Roodhouse, McAleer, Trajceviski (sent off 76), Parton,

Bizimovski, Marinovic, Trajanovski, Najdovski (Cuculevski HT),

Markovski, Zinni

SOUTH MELBOURNE: Anastasiadis, Healy, Wright, Durakovic, Hasler, Wade, Tsolakis, Tasios, Trimboli, Boutsianis, Awaritefe

Date: 24/1/93

Heidelberg United 2 - Brisbane United 0

Venue: Olympic Village

Scorers: Palatsides 56 and Hunter 61 (H)

Bookings: Palatsides and Bratten (H)

Referee: N. Zachariadis

Crowd: 1527

HEIDELBERG: Chatzitrifonas, Brattan, Scott, Georgiadis, Palatsides, Clarkson,

Goutzioulis, Stubbins, Gnjdic (Michalakopoulos 80m), Hunter, Slifkz.

BRISBANE: Runje, Gwynne, T. Cranney, Hunter (Cahut 20m), Grodum,

Bullock, Brown, Halligan, Pimblett, Slater, Koch (Jefferd 59m).

Date: 24/1/93

Parramatta Eagles 0 - Wollongong City 2

Venue: Melita Stadium

Scorers: Yankos 52 and White 59 (W)

Bookings: Souris and Falzon (PE); O'Shea (W)

Referee: R. Davies

Crowd: 2820

PARRAMATTA: P. Gunning, Souris, Gomez, Wheatley, O'Donnell, Falzon,

Reda, Genc (Foster 71), Mendez, Katholos,

Soper

WOLLONGONG: Hughes, Green (Laus 77), Bourke, Yankos, O'Shea,

McFadden, Horsley, Lloyd, Smith, Freestone (Forshaw 54),

White

Date: 24/1/93

Adelaide City 1 - Sydney Olympic 0

Venue: Hindmarsh Stadium

Scorers: Veart 10 (A)

Referee: J. Fraser

Crowd: 2796

ADELAIDE: Zabica, Shillabeer, Brooks, Tobin, Ivanovic, Villani, Melta, Mori, Talladira, Maxwell, Veart

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TIME FOR AUSTRALIAN SOCCER FEDERATION A CHANGE

As the Marconi Stadium burst its banks under the weight of 10,000 fans, with an estimated 3000 more forced to watch the game outside on a big TV screen, the understandable question rumbled across town: why wasn't this game set down for a bigger venue, like the Sydney Football Stadium or the Parramatta Stadium?

The game of course was the decider of the SBS Youth Challenge between Australia and Brazil and the immediate answer was simple. Neither ground was available because of midsummer maintenance.

But there was a better, more pertinent answer: soccer hasn't its own stadium, at least in Sydney. That is its own headquarters which is available at soccer's beck and call and which can accommodate a sizeable crowd in comfort for glamour international games.

By sizeable crowd I mean, say, 25,000 which for soccer's normal needs is ample. There are odd occasions, such as the 1988 Gold Cup final or high impact World Cup qualifiers (Australia v Israel, 1989) when bigger venues will be needed. But those are rare and, given that the costs of building

such behemoths would be beyond soccer's reach, bigger stadiums could still be rented for such occasions as they are now.

Soccer's 'headquarters' of course already

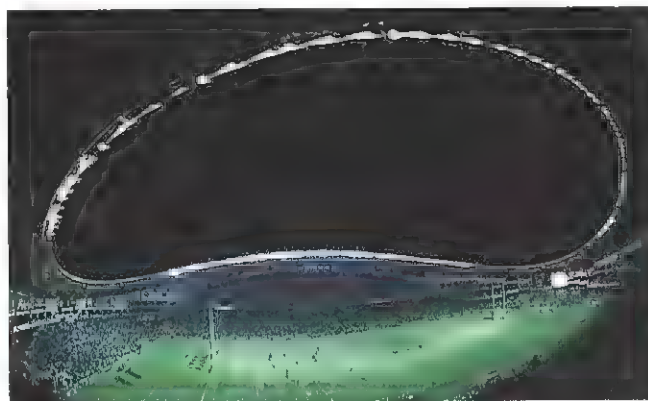
ters: the local federation and Brisbane United both 'live there.'

Even Melbourne's Olympic Park can pose as soccer headquarters. It is not owned by soccer, nor even rented on a long-term basis, but it is unofficially recognised as a soccer venue with other football codes venturing there very rarely.

But Sydney, the country's biggest city and the sport's administrative centre, can boast of no such thing. All its soccer grounds are club owned or club leased and its glamour stadiums are the territories of rugby league which, at least where the playing surface is concerned, are totally unsuitable.

The Rugby sports, where the ball is carried or thrown and never played on the turf, do not need good sur-

faces. Consequently whenever soccer shows up for a game we are left with geese grazing prairies, or a maze of craters as was the case when Australia played Saudi Arabia at the Parramatta Stadium in 1988. It's a shame and a disgrace. The irony, though, is that there is a Sydney ground, well situated and exclusively soccer, which is begging to be adopted and developed as



Sydney Football Stadium hardly appropriate for soccer

exist on a state level, in Adelaide and in Brisbane. The Hindmarsh Stadium is the most splendid example. The South Australian Soccer Federation is headquartered there as are, for all intents and purposes, the city's two elite NSL clubs, Adelaide City and West Adelaide. In Brisbane Perry Park, though modest and by no means of an international standard, is also headquar-

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THE WORLD GAME

Australian soccer federal headquarters. That, of course, is the St George Stadium in Rockdale.

The stadium is owned, or at least leased on one of those interminable government leases by St George Budapest Soccer Club. A club which, given its current status, can scarcely afford to run and maintain it. But it did build it, develop it and maintain it for some two decades and, naturally, is loath to lose it.

Sydney Olympic plays there, renting it from St George for its home games, and has been sharpening its claws for it for some time. It is known, for instance, that Olympic has put in repeated propositions to local council to have the St. George lease torn up and transferred to Olympic but without success. Sydney Olympic, without wishing to offend them, are not the most ideal owners. They, after all and despite their massive following, are yet to prove a pedigree for being a club with financial stability and a futuristic approach. Besides which Sydney Olympic moving into Bestic Street smacks of gall and a bad taste in the mouth. When St George was building it, with much forward looking passion and voluntary labour, Olympic, gloating average crowds of 6,000 or more, was still operating out of the boot of a car.

Olympic may have turned the corner recently but, whatever their merits or those of St. George, that is not my point. Irrespective of which club plays there on a weekly basis, or even own it, it should be the home of the Australian Soccer Federation. The ASF is already domiciled in rented offices a couple of blocks from there. The stadium craves for further development and with mouthwatering prospects provided the bills can be footed. Expansion of the existing grandstand side, the building of a similar or even bigger grandstand on the other side, full develop-

ment of seating at both ends could lead eventually to not only a 25,000 seat stadium but one which could house the ASF's offices and even licensed club. With regular weekend clientele attending the games, patronage of the licensed club may well go a long way towards giving the ASF its

tend to have studied the certain political and legal barricades that would obscure such proposals.

But it is one splendid site and one the ASF, given that it hasn't a stadium it can call a home, should keep a good eye on.

Flicking through the birthday lists for

February, soccer men of my vintage may well have indulged in a warm burst of nostalgia. On February 1 Stanley Mathews turned 78. And on February 9 it was the 62nd birthday of that masterful Czechoslovakian playmaker Josef Masopust.

The last time I saw them play, on television of course, was in the same match. It was the Mathews testimonial, Stoke City v the Rest of the World, on the man's 50th birthday in 1965. The photo of three legends, Di Stefano, Puskas and Yashin with Masopust and Kubala in the background carrying Sir Stan off the pitch on their shoulders is still one of the most memorable of soccer snaps ever taken.

Such joy those two, Mathews and Masopust, brought to the world in an age when super players of super individual qualities seemed to grow like grass. And such superb sportsman. And speaking of birthdays, a belated happy one to Sir Arthur George who turned 78 on January 15.

He had his critics and not all would agree that his long-term ASF presidency was a splendid one. But he does have his place in history.

He was the first ASF chief to have the vision and the realisation that representative football and the national team was a unifying force in our soccer and transferred the Federation's priorities away from the club scene to the Coca-Cola Socceroos.

It was mostly under his reign that the Socceroos developed the high profile they now enjoy.



Sir Arthur George. Former President of the Australian Soccer Federation turned 78 on January 15, Happy Birthday, Sir Arthur.

much-needed financial security. Better, international standard floodlights, further development of parking facilities and-given the space available-the instillation of dormitories could add up, in the end, to the complete Federation headquarters: including the ability to house representative teams there for training. It may be a pipe dream and I do not pre-



What is it about Melbourne clubs involved in the Coca-Cola Soccer League that often puts them at odds with the rest of Australian Soccer?

Call me a parochial Sydneysider if you like, but there is no escaping the fact that for some reason or another, Melbourne appears to be more volatile in regards to a number of issues, especially concerning ethnic club names and changes of coaches.

Sure, Sydney Clubs are no angels when it comes to protecting their own territory or making ruthless decisions, but they do not have anywhere near the same ferocious cut-em-up-spit-'em-out philosophy as their Melbourne counterparts. There is more of a wait and see attitude in the Harbour City. Coaches, provided they are not complete no-hopers without a tactical brain in their head, can at least expect to see out the season before joining the coaching queue.

Not so Melbourne, where they are so demanding and where success is measured in trophies and nothing else. It seems if you are not in the first six in the championship after six rounds then you had better start shielding your back from the knives.

Already, this season poor Ian Dobson was shown the door at Preston after just a handful of games, the Soccerroo great Ken Murphy was inexplicably sacked by Melbourne CSC after a mere nine matches, topped off by the (forced?)

resignation by Gary Cole as coach of Heidelberg.

Cole was put under tremendous pressure at the Bergers and was virtually living day by day as far as his coaching position was concerned.

It has been the same story over the last few seasons in Melbourne with coaches coming and going like they were visiting some sort of half-way house.

Of course Sydney has its problem clubs.



Ken Murphy

the club this season. The results have been fairly inconsistent, and this led to his resignation late last month. Bertie Mariani has taken over.

And, what about the Newcastle BHP Breakers? They have spent so much money on quality players, yet the expenditure has not helped them to climb off the lower part of the table. Certainly, coach Bruce Stowell is under enormous pressure and questions are being asked about his position. I have the feeling, however, he'll last out the season.

So, there is that air of stability in Sydney where coaches can at least expect a fair go...and that is something Kenny Murphy did not get.

Let us examine Murphy's axing- a decision which has been described in some newspapers across the country, including the one I write for - The Australian - as one of the most disgraceful and despic-

able acts perpetrated by any club in the sport's recent history.

Only the amazing axing of Rale Rasic as Soccerroo coach after the 1974 World Cup finals and Les Scheinflug's dumping first as national coach in 1984 then as boss of the young Soccerroos a year later would rate above Murphy's axing. I make no apology for my comments despite the fact that Melbourne CSC chose to write a scathing letter to me asking me for a public retraction. Big deal.

I would love to know the real reason for Murphy's

axing. Melbourne say they would have given it if I had asked. I could not be bothered. Surely it would have been easy enough for them to publicly air those reasons when they officially sacked Murphy.

What I want to know is, what did CSC expect from the man who took them to the grand final last season, only to lose on penalties to the classy Adelaide City? And, what about the problems he had to

VICTORIAN COACHES DO OR DIE

Sydney CSC have been known to chop and change at the mere hint of losing a game, up until the last six years or so, Sydney Olympic's record was nothing short of a national disgrace.

At least Olympic have calmed down in recent times, though the decision to get rid of Mick Hickman at the start of the season was extremely hard to fathom.

Another Soccerroo great Peter Raskopoulos had problems as coach of



Memories of better times at Melbourne CSC for former coach Ken Murphy.

endure during the early stages of this season with injuries to Andrew Marth, George Hannah and Ivan Kelic and the loss of players like Alan Davidson, Paul Donnelly. Damien Mori and Francis Awaritefe.

If I was a Melbourne CSC supporter I would be holding the committee accountable for letting some these players, especially Awaritefe and Mori go to another club.

I wonder what gets into the minds of the faceless men that make up soccer club committees? What are their qualifications and how in the hell do they arrive at their decisions?

What gives them the right to treat such good humoured (yes, you can have a sense of humour and be a good coach at the same time), personable bloke like Kenny Murphy the way they did. And, why don't they come clean on the whole issue? Why was Murphy sacked?

Surely, it could not have been player dissatisfaction.

From what I understand the players were stunned and devastated by the decision.

For heaven's sake, when are we going to get some sanity back into this game?

As it stands now, there is no incentive for anyone to go into coaching ranks...least of all former Socceroos.

If the politics do not get to them, the success-starved committees will.

It's a tragedy because our game deserves heroes like Ken Murphy.



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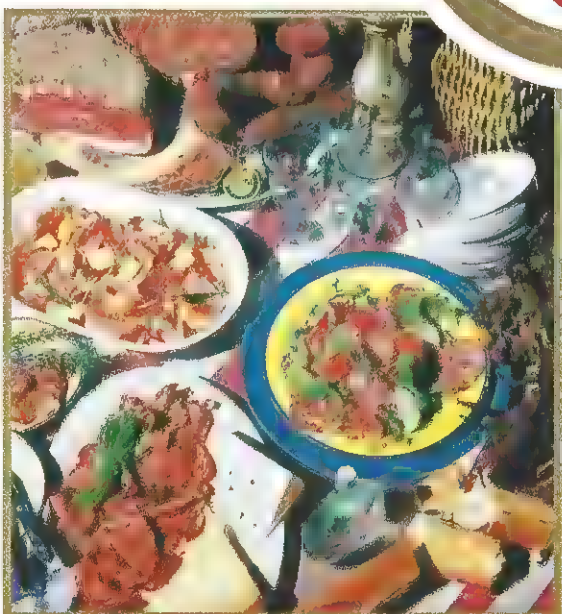
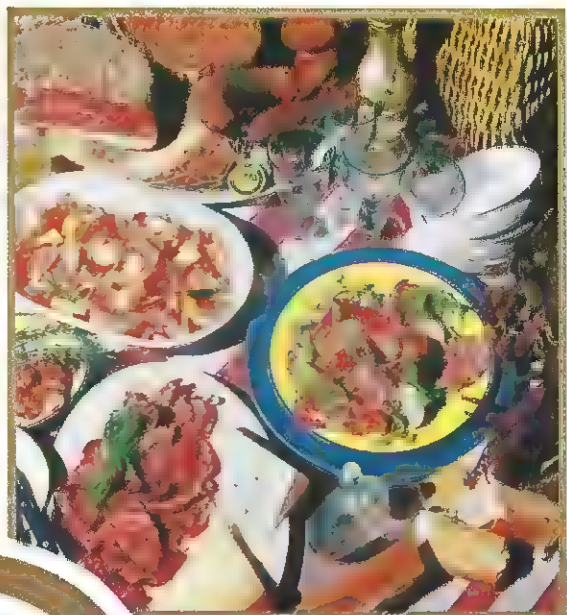


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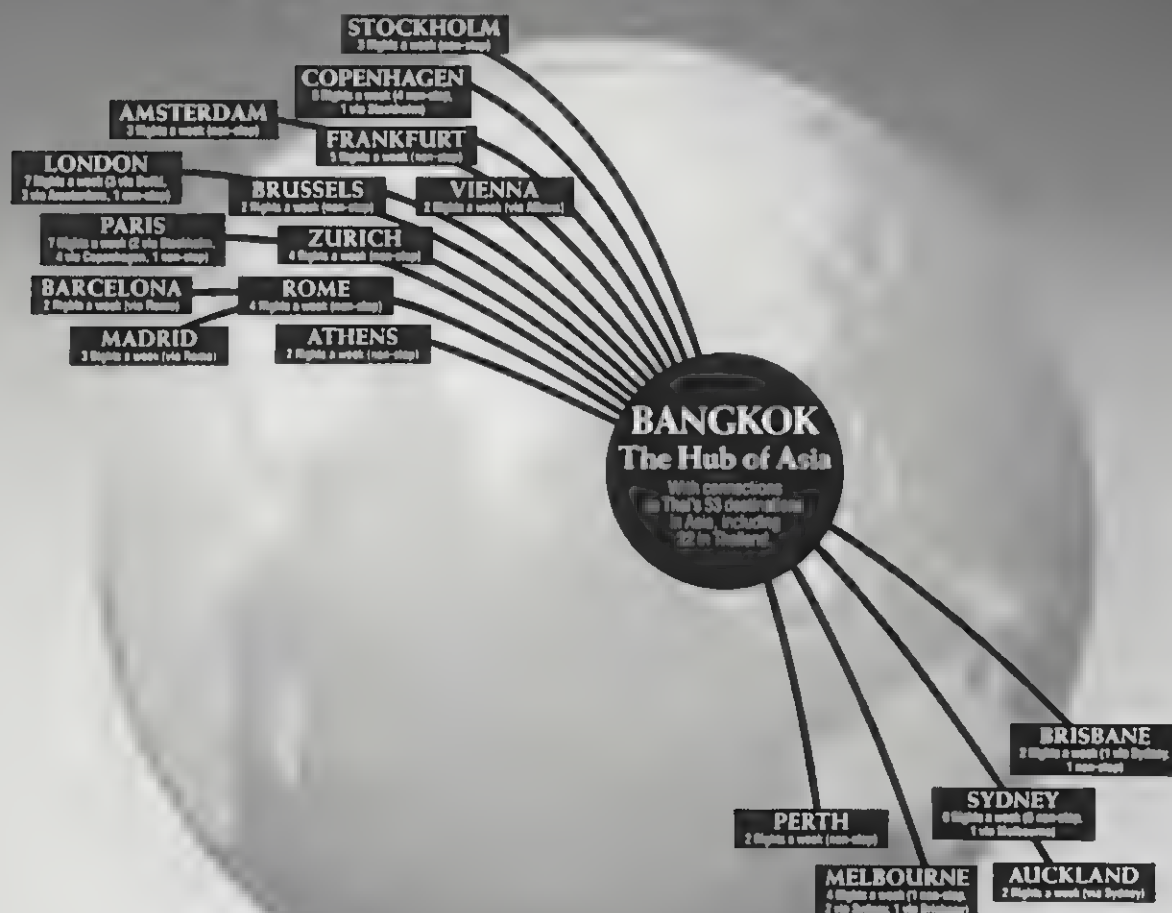
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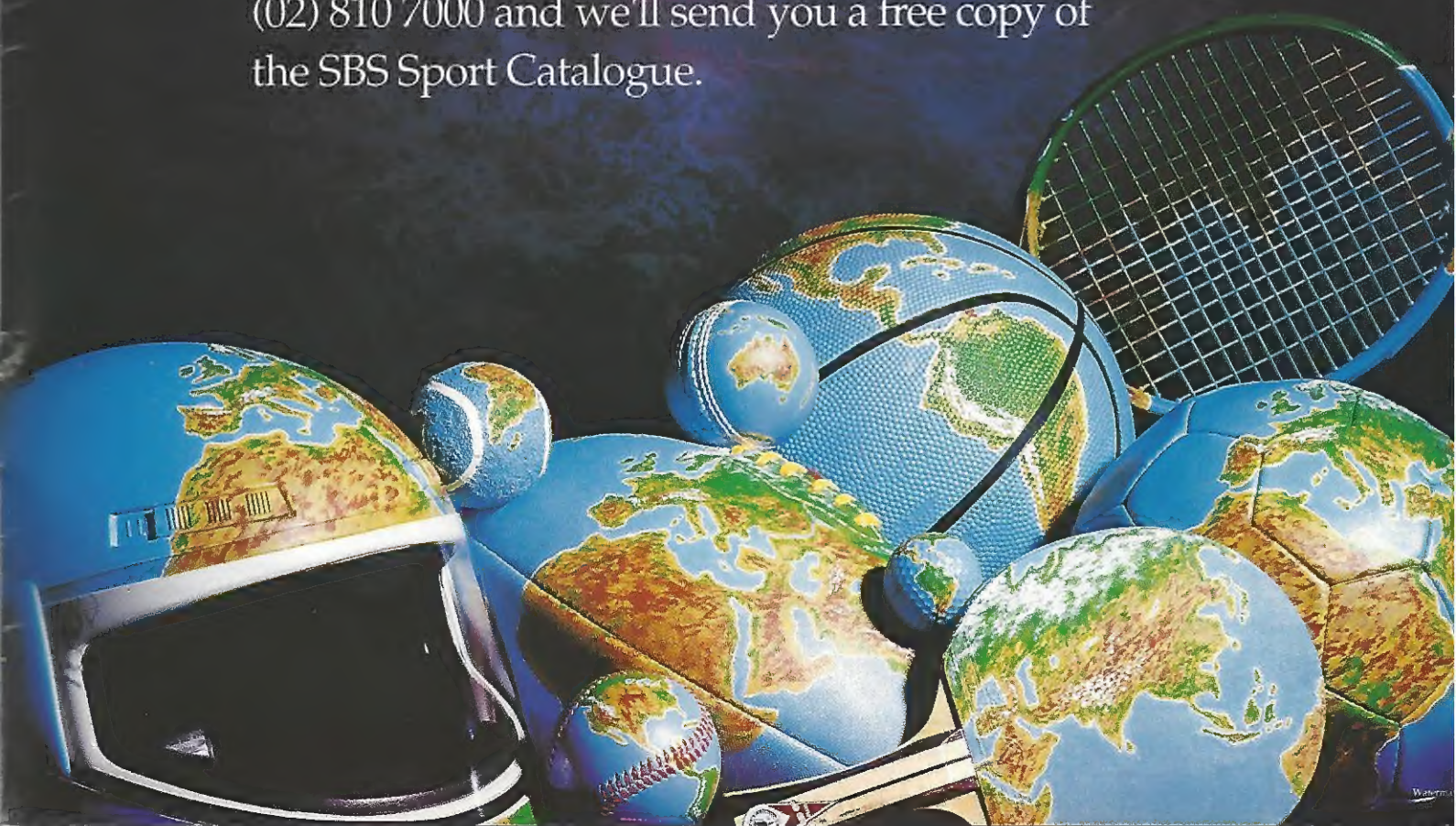
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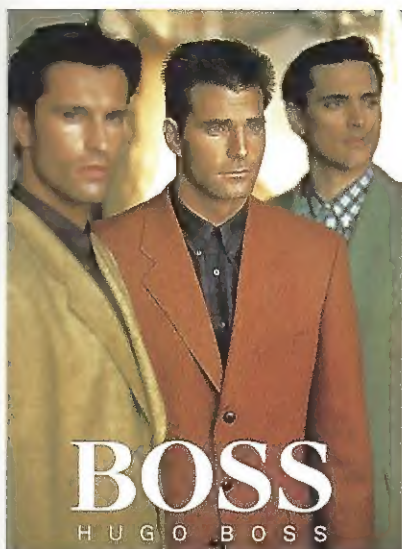
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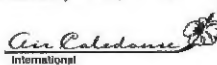




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